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El Al flies again today amid discord

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — El Al's first passenger flight in four months was set to take off at 8:40 this morning from Ben Gurion Airport to Johannesburg via Nairobi. The 747 Boeing is fully booked, with a long waiting list and its return flight is also fully booked.

Big last night the pilots, after a long, stormy meeting, decided to fly to Johannesburg but said they would not go back to regular work (except for flying cargoes) until their demands are met.

They are demanding a separate work agreement, separate union representation and a last-in-first-out agreement on dismissals.

El Al's pilots and the Israeli Pilots' association yesterday asked the Jerusalem District Court to declare void the work agreement signed in their name with El Al's new management.

The pilots say the agreement is invalid because the Histadrut signed it without their permission.

Excitement was evident yesterday among El Al's workers, 300 of whom will be going back to work today. By Thursday, 800 El Al workers will have been called back to work until gradually the airline resumes full activity.

On Friday El Al has a flight to Istanbul and next week will operate flights to Cairo, London and Zurich. The airline's reservation offices opened yesterday and its outlets

throughout the world were instructed to start making reservations and selling tickets.

Avi Temkin adds: Transport Minister Haim Corfu has promised in writing to Agudat Israel that El Al will not fly on the Sabbath and will not sell tickets for Sabbath flights on other airlines, the chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee MK Shlomo Lorincz said yesterday. Prime Minister Menachem Begin assured the Aguda MKs that the Sabbath ban covers cargo as well as passenger flights.

Lorincz added that if a client purchases an El Al open ticket and then changes it at another company for a Sabbath flight ticket, this will be the passenger's problem, and not El Al's.

Lorincz was reacting to a remark by MK Avraham Melamed, National Religious Party, who said that the NRP has reservations about the projected sale of Sabbath tickets by El Al on behalf of other companies.

The Lorincz-Melamed exchange took place at the Finance Committee debate yesterday.

The committee decided to give the airline a bank guarantee for \$46 million for operations and \$30 for severance pay, instead of the \$100-m. they had requested.

However the airline's management was not displeased. "We got three-quarters of what we wanted and that's not bad," said airline spokesman Kalman Bar-On.

U.S. raps W. Bank promotion

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The State Department yesterday again criticized Israel, this time for reportedly authorizing an expensive advertising campaign to promote settlement activities on the West Bank.

The criticism followed a report from Israel in yesterday's *Washington Post*, which quoted a spokesman from the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Avraham Hoffman, as estimating the initial budget for promotion activities at around \$150,000.

Eitan: War was pre-emptive

EILAT (Itim). — "The war in Lebanon was meant to beat Syria and the PLO terrorists to the gun: to attack them before they began a war against us," Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan told senior high school pupils in Eilat yesterday. If Israel had let them take the initiative, our casualties would have been far greater, he said.

"No sovereign state can allow such a thing to happen and it does everything in its power to protect its citizens," he said.

The terrorists were ejected from West Beirut only through fire power

and stubbornness, Eitan said. We must make certain that the diplomatic results of the war equal the military victory, he said.

If the Syrians had not requested a cease-fire, not one of them would have remained in the Bekaa or anywhere else in Lebanon, the chief of staff said.

Peace with Egypt was the result of the Israel Defence Forces crossing the Suez Canal into Egypt and demanding peace talks, he said.

He also reiterated that without Judea and Samaria, Israel cannot be defended.

Court upholds ruling on Flatto jail term

The Jerusalem District Court yesterday turned down former MK Samuel Flatto-Sharon's appeal against his conviction for election bribery and upheld a nine-month prison sentence passed by the magistrates court. Flatto-Sharon will begin serving the sentence on March 1.

The court also accepted the state's appeal regarding Y'acov Halfon, the former MK's elections adviser, and gave him a six-month suspended sentence for election bribery. A one-and-a-half year suspended sentence and an IS4,000 fine against another Flatto-Sharon aide, Jacques Benaudis, was also upheld on appeal.

The district court judges said that the offences committed were very serious, but did not feel greater penalties should be imposed because this was the first election bribery case in Israel's history.

Flatto's attorneys announced



Samuel Flatto-Sharon. (Millman)

yesterday that they will appeal the sentence in the Supreme Court within eight days.

Following his sentencing, Flatto said, "Struggles have been an integral part of my life, and this is just another struggle. The Supreme Court, I hope, will see to it that justice is done."



A young Lebanese boy carries his personal belongings through the rubble of his house that was demolished during recent fighting between pro-Syrian and anti-Syrian factions in Tripoli. (UPI Telephoto).

5 die as shells hit Beirut suburbs

BEIRUT. — Fresh violence flared in the mountains around Beirut yesterday as artillery shells landed in outlying suburbs of the capital.

Police reported five persons were killed when shells slammed into residential neighbourhoods in the hills just southeast of Beirut.

Lebanon's state radio said two shells landed near the presidential palace in Baabda, eight kilometres southeast of Beirut, but caused no damage or casualties.

The outlying suburbs are near the sites of continual battles in recent months between Christian and Druse militias. Yesterday's incident followed a gun battle between two villages near Beirut on Monday in which the state radio said three persons were killed.

The latest round of fighting was the most serious breach of a two-

week-old cease-fire between the rival factions in the Israeli occupied central mountains, where 90 persons were killed in nine weeks of fighting.

In the northern port of Tripoli meanwhile, PLO forces pulled down barricades yesterday between rival Muslim militias have fought for eight weeks.

But hundreds of residents used the two-day-old truce to pack their belongings and flee.

A few shopkeepers were reopening their small stores in the battered neighbourhoods of Bal Mohsen and Bab el-Tabbaneh. But the muddy, rubble-strewn streets were full of residents hauling furniture and clothing out of damaged houses and packing them into cars and pickup trucks.

"After so many experiences, how can I open my shop when I know that any minute sniping may erupt," said one shopkeeper.

The sporadic but fierce war between pro-Syrian Alawite Muslim gunmen in Bal Mohsen and anti-Syrian Sunni Muslims in Bab el-Tabbaneh has killed 215 in eight weeks, according to Lebanese police.

A truce was finally arranged over the weekend, and when Lebanese police refused to move into the neighbourhood, local leaders asked the PLO to send its men in from camps outside Tripoli. There has been no fighting since late Sunday night. Police have begun patrolling the area again. The gunmen of the two sides have kept off the streets. (Reuters, UPI)

Sharon vetoes 'PLO associates'

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Defence Minister Ariel Sharon seemed to signal a marked hardening of Israel's long-standing position on Palestinian participation in peace talks when he announced yesterday that Israel would reject any PLO participation "whether covert or overt."

Sharon's statement was issued formally by the Defence Ministry. In an additional comment to Kol Yisrael, the minister said: "We are

not prepared to talk to the PLO or people who speak for it."

In the past, Israel's stand, while wholly negative to the PLO itself, has been deliberately vaguer on possible Palestinian participants at a peace negotiations who might be associated with the PLO without representing it.

Sharon's statement yesterday was apparently intended to rule out such persons. He said Israel was willing to negotiate only with Palestinians of Judea, Samaria and Gaza, who

seek co-existence with Israel.

Government sources refused to say whether Sharon's statement had been co-ordinated in advance with the cabinet or with other senior ministers.

The statement was plainly timed to coincide with the much publicized current efforts by King Hussein and Yasser Arafat to put together a Jordanian-Palestinian delegation for negotiations with Israel.

Bank of Israel 'incapable' of checking diamonds rules

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Bank of Israel has no way of checking whether diamonds lent out by commercial banks under "trust receipts" to diamond dealers are weighed and examined as required by the bank's own regulations. All the Bank of Israel's controllers can do is ensure that the "trust receipts" themselves are filled in according to the regulations, and that the period of the loan is not exceeded. If there were irregularities involving the diamonds — that is a matter for the police.

This, in essence, was the reaction of the Bank of Israel yesterday to allegations that the "trust receipts" system — a means of smuggling funneling cheap credit from the banks to the diamond dealers — had been abused until recently. The allegations were made in a report by a British law firm acting on behalf of

Lloyd's of London, the insurance underwriters. The British firm's report was disclosed by *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Bank of Israel spokesman Yisrael Igra told the *Post* that the controller of Banks Department did indeed have staffers whose task it is to oversee banking transactions, among them these "trust receipts" transactions peculiar to the diamond industry. But the overseers had to be guided by their perusal of the paperwork; they could hardly deal with the diamonds themselves.

Igra said the Bank of Israel did not remember any inquiry to it from the police.

A well-placed government legal official told the *Post*, however, that the police had queried the Bank of Israel — and had been told categorically that "everything is alright" in the matter of "trust receipts."

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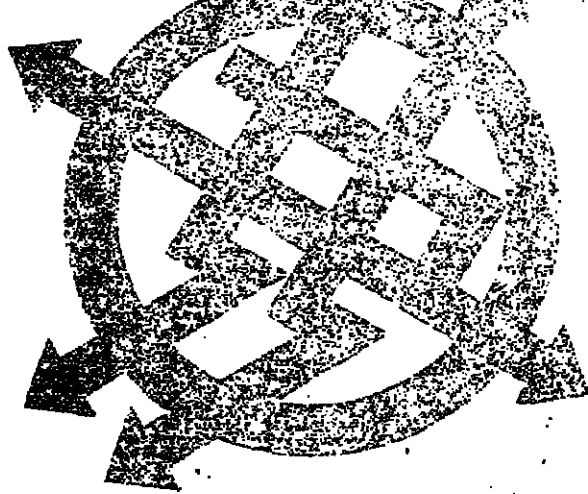
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Security forces clamp down on al-Najah

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Security forces effectively closed off al-Najah University in Nablus yesterday in a delayed reaction to a student rally over the weekend marking the anniversary of the establishment of Patah.

Unrest in other parts of the West Bank, also said to be connected with the anniversary, continued yesterday and at least one Israeli settler was reported injured by rocks thrown at his car.

At least 10 students at the university were detained, according to local reports, and members of the university's student's council were summoned to the military government for questioning in connection with the rally and what security sources described as "inflammatory speeches and attempts to incite school students."

The same sources denied that the university has been closed but confirmed that troops had set up checkpoints around the campus and were conducting sporadic checks "to prevent unrest."

These measures were also apparently directed against Israelis: a representative of

the Israel Association for Civil Rights was prevented from entering the campus.

Inquiries by the association in Jerusalem met with the same evasive response that journalists covering the area often meet. The Judea and Samaria Civil Administration redirected inquiries to the IDF spokesman, on the grounds that the roadblocks were clearly a matter of security. Nonetheless, in Nablus itself the local civil administration was closely involved in the measures taken to prevent unrest in the town and in the decision to act against the university.

The IDF spokesman in Jerusalem also refused to respond to the association's requests for clarification, claiming that its office was only able to deal with journalists. The Defence Ministry spokesman, the final address, was "unavailable" last night, according to the association.

In the Nablus market, or casbah, troops used teargas to disperse demonstrating youths, and students from the Haj Ma'azouz al Masi high school threw stones at passing Israeli traffic. The other major high school in the town, Kadri Toukan, was closed for a

month following a violent demonstration there on Monday.

Stone-throwing was also reported from the Jenin district and in Ramallah and El Bireh, which the civil administration now refers to as the "District of Binyamin," in accordance with the master plan for Jewish settlement in the West Bank.

A resident of the settlement of Beit-El was injured in the head by a rock thrown near the Ramallah police station.

Itim reported yesterday from Jenin that an organization calling itself the "National Liberation Movement" has been distributing placards and leaflets denouncing King Hussein and PLO leader Yasser Arafat for their reported moves in an attempt to reach an accommodation with Israel. Their widely reported "diplomatic initiative" being put together in Amman is condemned as "treason."

The Itim report speculates that pro-Syrian and Communist activists in the territories are behind the posters which have also been seen in other parts of the West Bank and in East Jerusalem.

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BUEENOS AIRES	23	33	81	Cloudy
CHICAGO	4	39	40	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	8	43	74	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	8	43	74	Cloudy
GENEVA	4	39	40	Cloudy
HELSINKI	2	28	34	Cloudy
HONG KONG	13	15	55	Cloudy
JOHANNESBURG	18	21	64	Cloudy
LONDON	4	39	40	Cloudy
MADRID	9	12	54	Cloudy
MONTREAL	15	16	59	Cloudy
NEW YORK	1	34	74	Cloudy
PARIS	7	45	84	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	21	27	70	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	20	26	69	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	1	34	74	Cloudy
TOKYO	0	32	84	Cloudy
TORONTO	5	41	84	Cloudy
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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy

Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	32-42	12-18
Colan	32-42	12-18
Nahariya	54-58	17-18
Safed	55-58	17-18
Haifa Port	42-48	17-18
Nazareth	33-42	17-18
Afula	41-48	17-18
Shomron	41-48	17-18
Tel Aviv	51-58	17-18
B-G Airport	48-58	17-18
Jericho	30-38	17-18
St. John	37-42	17-18
Beersheba	39-42	17-18
Eilat	42-48	17-18

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Yitzhak Rabin, MK, was the guest speaker yesterday at a breakfast meeting of the Australian United Israel Appeal. Keren Hayesod Top Donors Mission. He was introduced by Charles Halskner of Melbourne. A vote of thanks was offered by Peter Ryba of Sydney.

Prof. Abraham Blum, of the Hebrew University's Faculty of Agriculture, has been named the first incumbent of the new Haim Gvati Chair in Agricultural Extension.

Gabi Brun of Yedioth Aharonot has been elected chairman of the Jerusalem Journalists Association, and Yossi Zeman (Israel Television), deputy chairman.

Theodore Weinshall, Professor of Business Management at Tel Aviv University, will be the guest speaker at the Haifa Rotary Club's weekly meeting, at the Nof Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

DEPARTURES

MK Sari Doron (Likud-Liberal) for the special meeting of the Council of Europe in Paris.

Europeans support Palestinian state

STRASBOURG, France (AP). — The European Parliament yesterday voted 135 to 25 with 32 abstentions supporting a report on the Middle East conflict calling for the eventual creation of a "Palestinian state."

The resolution also called for an immediate halt to the establishment of Israeli settlements on the West Bank.

It was the first time that the Parliament, an elected, mainly advisory body from the 10 Common

HOME NEWS

Egypt's envoy recall 'violation' of pact

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Israel maintains that the recall of Egyptian ambassador Sa'ad Mortada to Cairo is a violation of the spirit of the peace agreement.

Elyakim Rubinstein, legal adviser of the Foreign Ministry said this at the Knesset State Control Committee yesterday, in a discussion of normalization of relations between Israel and Egypt, giving as grounds for his statement, former president Jimmy Carter's remark in a letter to Prime Minister Menachem Begin that "Egypt will have a resident ambassador in Israel." Rubinstein said the Carter letter was part of the

peace agreement. He said that whereas the late president Anwar Sadat had an open mind as far as normalization was concerned, his successor, Hosni Mubarak tended much more towards the Arab world, which slowed down the process of normalization of relations with Israel.

Avi Kedar, head of the Egyptian department at the ministry, said that contacts between Israeli and Egyptian leaders were frozen since the Peace for Galilee operation began. Trade declined, he said, and Egypt had stopped issuing import licences.

Kedar said Egyptian propaganda was anti-Jewish.

82% Egyptians want Israeli envoy out

CAIRO (AP). — The newspaper of the opposition socialist Labour Party said yesterday that the majority of 1,486 persons it polled wanted the Israeli ambassador in Cairo expelled and relations with Israel severed. Out of the 1,486 persons polled, 82.23 per cent favoured expulsion of the Israeli ambassador and 76.11 per cent wanted to sever relations with Israel. Ash-Shaab said.

Ash-Shaab said this sample included persons from different social and economic levels from all over Egypt. It did not specify how the sample was chosen or how the questions were asked, but said some of the answers were sent by mail.

'Hundred years of terror' seen by PM's anti-terror expert

"We can expect another hundred years of terror," the prime minister's adviser on the war against terrorism said yesterday. "The war in Lebanon is formally over, but in effect it goes on."

Rafael Eitan, speaking to a Kol Israel interviewer, added that if the IDF stayed much longer in Lebanon, there would be no choice but to mount an intensive campaign to root out terrorist cells, as was done in the Gaza Strip after the Six Day War. "The Lebanese government cannot do this for us," he said.

Referring to Jews in the Diaspora, he said that they were exposed to terrorist attacks by such groups as Abu Nidal's, which have announced that Jews and Jewish institutions everywhere will be targets.

Eitan said that he doesn't believe that it is possible to "solve the problem of terrorism entirely with one war. Besides, it was impossible to foresee the murder of Bashir Jemayel, on whom Israel depended."

In the Knesset, MK Michael Bar-Zohar (Alignment) asked for an urgent debate on Eitan's statements, pointing out that they flatly contradict the claims of Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Defence Minister Ariel Sharon about the aims and achievements of the Lebanese war.

Bar-Zohar said that the adviser's warning that the war was not yet at an end might conceal the intentions of Begin and Sharon and must sound an alarm bell.

Couple found dead in Old City flat

A husband and wife were found dead in their beds on Monday night in their flat in the Old City's Jewish Quarter after neighbours smelled gas coming from the flat and called the police.

Police believe that the couple, David Efrati, 55 and his wife, Leila, 47 of Rehov Hayei Olam 10; were asphyxiated by gas escaping from their heating stove. From the condition of the bodies, it is thought they died a week before.

Efrati was a veteran member of the Nesher taxi company. (Iim)

REIMBURSED. — Tel Avivians who overpaid for their children's kindergartens will be reimbursed, following an investigation just concluded by the Ministry of Education.

Tami warns it will quit over benefits

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The Tami coalition faction yesterday warned that it could not remain in the government if its draft law granting financial benefits to large families does not become law by the Pessah recess, with an appropriate budget allocated to pay for the benefits.

Deputy Social Affairs Minister Ben-Zion Rubin told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's reply to Tami pressures was that Tami could have its law, provided it took the funds out of the Social Affairs Ministry's existing budget.

Rubin told The Post that for the first year a budget of IS1.5 billion was required to pay for the benefits, and that Aridor refused to allocate a single agora.

"He expects us to close down existing institutions in order to help large families," Rubin complained.

He said that Tami was willing to compromise on a few of the many benefits which it wished to grant large families, but its minimum demands were for maintenance grants for the third child and up and for school expenses grants for the fourth child and up.

IDF may be taken by surprise again, expert says in book

The conclusions of the Agranat Commission were mistaken, and there is no certainty that the IDF will not be surprised again, as it was at the beginning of the Yom Kippur War.

These are two of the main points of a book to be published soon by Zvi Lanir of Tel Aviv University's Institute for Strategic Studies. Lanir, a former IDF intelligence officer, headed the new intelligence unit set up at the recommendation of the Agranat Commission which investigated the intelligence shortcomings preceding the Yom Kippur War.

Lanir, discussing his book in the forthcoming issue of the army magazine *Bemaneh*, says that it was wrong and dangerous to think that by simply removing the individuals at the top of the intelligence apparatus at the time of the war, and dividing intelligence functions among several bodies, the IDF would never again be surprised by an enemy.

He says that the reasons for the 1973 intelligence failure were much deeper — they were of a social and political nature. These have yet to be addressed satisfactorily, he adds.

Beersheba bus strike

BEERSHEBA. — This city's buses were brought to a halt for two hours as the 180 drivers of the city-owned public transportation system met yesterday morning to discuss their grievances against Shlomo Israeli, general manager of the company.



Prime Minister Menachem Begin receives a special pin yesterday from former MP Michael Fidler, head of a group of Conservative Party Friends of Israel now visiting the country. (Yitzhak Elharar. Scoop 80)

Aridor wants Knesset body to help cut public spending

Post Economic Reporter

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor yesterday gave the Knesset Finance Committee a broad hint that he will welcome any cuts in public expenditure items in the IS1.1 trillion budget for fiscal 1983.

Speaking to the committee at the beginning of its debate on the proposed budget, the minister said the committee could assist the Treasury in limiting pressures arising from public spending, and in this way decrease imports.

The Treasury for its part will do everything in its power to limit the government's excess of expenditure

over revenue. The agreement on the Cost-of-Living allowance reached with the Histadrut will be helpful in this respect.

Referring to the recently concluded negotiations with the labour federation, Aridor said that its refusal to sign the agreement until December will retard economic recovery.

A preview of what Aridor can expect from the committee was provided by its chairman Shlomo Lorincz. He said he will demand a change in "unjustified distortions," meaning, he said, insufficient sums transferred to the schools of Agudat Israel.

Arabs in Galilee build fewer illegal houses

By YOEL DAR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — The number of houses built illegally in Arab villages in the north has declined by about 95 per cent compared to previous years, the Interior Ministry northern district representative said yesterday.

Yisrael Koenig told the *The Jerusalem Post* that the sharp decline of houses built illegally is attributed to the ministry's increasing supervision and the allocation of further land for construction inside the Arab villages.

Koenig said that 52 out of 76 Arab villages in the north have plans for building houses which will meet the demands of the local population for the next 20 years. The ministry recently began preparing

plans for 10 more villages.

The interior ministry this week decided to place the Arab village of Kaukab under the jurisdiction of the Misgav regional council. Kaukab village is one of 22 settlements to be included in the new regional council.

However, many Arab residents claim the new regional council is not qualified to deal with their problems because the majority of the settlements which are under its jurisdiction are new Jewish settlements built after 1977. They say they would prefer a special local council to deal with their affairs.

Koenig said that Kaukab will receive the same services as the Jewish settlements and added that Kaukab is not the only Arab village under the jurisdiction of a Jewish regional council.

Dudein trip to U.S. still on

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Despite strong resistance from the State Department and the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem, a U.S. congressman is going ahead with his invitation to West Bank Village League leader Mustafa Dudein to visit Washington next month.

A spokesman for Democratic Representative James Scheuer of New York said that Dudein had been originally slated to come to the U.S. capital this month. But the controversial Palestinian asked to postpone the trip because of illness. An itinerary for Dudein's visit next

month is now being completed, the spokesman said.

Dudein is not expected to have any difficulty receiving a U.S. entry visa. At the same time, however, he is not likely to be received at a high level by either the State Department or the White House.

Scheuer, a strong supporter of Israel, last month strongly complained to special U.S. Ambassador Morris Draper about the behaviour of the U.S. Consulate in Jerusalem towards Dudein and his pro-Israel Village League. Scheuer charged U.S. Consul General Brandon Grove and his staff with preferring to deal with "PLO sympathizers."

ARAFAT FAVOURS

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agency, Petra, quoted Hussein as telling that same meeting that he had received a written commitment from Reagan to "throw his weight behind efforts to produce a just and honourable solution to the Palestinian problem."

Hussein also told the meeting that he had come away from his talks with Reagan in Washington last month convinced that the president "intends and insists on making this matter his number one concern."

He indicated that although he and Arafat had discussed the possibility of a future confederation between Jordan and a Palestinian state on the West Bank, the major focus of their talks was on the urgent need to prise the West Bank and Gaza from Israeli control.

This has been a major theme in recent weeks, with both Jordan and Egypt emphasizing the need to get Israel out of the administered territories before its accelerated settlement policy makes this impossible.

Arafat himself hinted at this theme at a press conference in Amman on Monday night, when he praised the Reagan plan for insisting on an Israeli settlement freeze while criticising it for deny-

ing the Palestinians the right to independent statehood.

Meanwhile, it was reported from Moscow last night that Arafat had arrived in the Soviet capital "for a short business visit."

The announcement, carried by the official Soviet news agency Tass, did not say how long Arafat would remain in Moscow, or whom he would be meeting.

Official PLO sources are quoted as saying that the chances of the Soviet Union joining the current peace process are slim. But Arafat is reported to have agreed at a meeting in South Yemen last week with two pro-Soviet PLO leaders — George Habash of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) and Nayef Hawatmeh of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) — that Moscow must at least be invited to play a role in the peace efforts.

Both Habash and Hawatmeh have been strongly critical of Arafat's recent Western-oriented diplomatic strategy, particularly his efforts to coordinate policy with Hussein, and his Moscow visit may be part of a bid to seek some rapprochement with them.

Navon makes plea for Jewish tradition

NEW YORK (AP). — President Yitzhak Navon gave an impassioned speech yesterday at New York's Jewish Theological Seminary, telling the audience of rabbis and students it was their responsibility to teach Judaism to American Jews.

"How can we expect young Jews to remain Jewish, if they don't know what it means to be Jewish?" Navon asked, speaking in Hebrew.

"Learning Judaism is not just memorizing numbers, statistics and countries."

The president, on the seventh day of his 10-day visit to the U.S., praised the "illustrious scholars of Judaism" at the seminary, saying they bore the "important and fundamental" responsibility of carrying out the Jewish tradition.

The president also reiterated that Israel cannot negotiate with the Palestine Liberation Organization until "the PLO gives up that covenant that calls for the destruction of Israel."

Moroccans say Arab League will visit London on Feb. 7

RABAT (Reuters). — An Arab League mission led by King Hassan of Morocco will visit London next month as a result of a compromise over the participation of a Palestinian delegate, Moroccan officials said yesterday.

They told Reuters the mission would visit London on February 7, ending several weeks of diplomatic dickerings over British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's refusal to receive any Palestine Liberation Organization official.

But in London, a spokesman for the Foreign Office said the government had no confirmation of the Moroccan report.

Other British sources said discussions with Morocco had been encouraging, but it was unclear whether all problems in the way of the London visit had been fully overcome.

The Moroccan officials said the visit has been made possible by the inclusion of a West Bank mayor who will represent the PLO, but is

not a member of its executive committee.

They identified the Palestinian delegate as former Halhul Mayor, Mohammed Milhem, who was expelled by the Israeli authorities nearly three years ago and now lives in Amman.

Britain had put various options to Morocco, the Foreign Office sources said. They indicated one variant was for Milhem to represent the PLO. The former mayor was highly regarded in the Arab world and "obviously speaks on behalf of the Palestinians," they said.

The Arab League originally proposed including Farouk Kadumi, who is effectively foreign minister of the PLO.

The ministry sources said Britain had dropped demands that the Arab delegation should publicly dissociate itself from terrorism and should pledge itself to recognition of Israel on a reciprocal basis. The demands were earlier rejected by the Arabs.

Shitrit urges abolition of allowances, subsidies

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Likud MK Meir Shitrit yesterday urged the abolition of child allowances and of subsidies on commodities and public transportation.

He was speaking in the budget debate, in which several speakers inveighed against the hyper-inflation of the stock exchange and called for measures to restrain it.

Shitrit argued that child allowances and subsidies do not discriminate between the well-to-do and the needy. The milk-drinker who earns IS100,000 a month pays a subsidized price, while the non-milk-drinker who earns IS10,000 does not benefit from the subsidy.

He proposed instead that a per capita "budget basket" be fixed, which would suffice for all of an individual's basic needs. Persons whose income was below that level should be paid a negative income tax — on condition that they are working.

Naftali Feder (Alignment-

Mapam) proposed the levying of a "substantial tax" on stock market profits. He also called for a return to foreign currency controls and to the system of creeping devaluation, with the government openly determining the exchange rate in accordance with the needs of the economy.

Ariel Weinstein (Likud-Liberal) urged the minister of finance to seek ways, together with the Bank of Israel, to cool the ardour of stock exchange investors by reducing the "artificial profits" there. Those easy profits were leading many people to curtail their own business activities and to use their surplus cash to buy shares.

Aharon Nahmias (Alignment) claimed that in 1977, when the Likud came to power, there was not one person in the country unemployed. His point was that Yoram Aridor had no basis for taking credit for the low number of unemployed today.

The debate continues today.

Jaffa Arabs oppose Yom Kippur law

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Jaffa's Arabs object to a legal amendment proposed by the city of Tel Aviv, which would force them to close their businesses on Yom Kippur. Attorney Nissim Shakar, of the Committee for Jaffa's Arabs, said yesterday he will appeal to the High Court of Justice if the amendment is made law and implemented.

"Until now Moslem and Christian-owned shops were always open on Yom Kippur, in Tel Aviv as well as in Haifa, Ramle and other places, and closing them on this day is damaging economically, as well as violating minorities' rights," Shakar said yesterday.

The Yom Kippur amendment, introduced following religious pressures, would alter the law authorizing the city to allow non-Jews to run businesses on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. The amendment has already been passed by the municipal executive and finance

committee, and has to be approved by the municipal council and the Interior Ministry.

The amendment lists several conditions which must be fulfilled by non-Jewish business owners requesting permits to operate on Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Apart from having to close on Yom Kippur, the non-Jewish business owner must close on his own religious holidays, refrain from transporting goods to or from his business on Saturdays or Jewish holidays and cause no noise which may be heard outside his business.

Attorney Shakar said that the amendment contradicts the Knesset Law of 1948, which states that non-Jews in Israel may celebrate either the Jewish holidays or the holidays of their own religion.

"True, the law was accepted due to religious pressure," municipal Religious Front head Haim Bank said yesterday. "But Israel is a Jewish state, not an Arab or a multinational one."

Northerners protest on 'Death Road'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAHARIYA. — Residents of this town and neighbouring settlements demonstrated yesterday against delays in improving safety conditions on the Acre-Nahariya highway.

The demonstrators, including Nahariya Mayor Ephraim Sharir, drove along the highway, known locally as "Death road," bearing signs such as "We want to reach home safely" "We need two more lanes" "Give way to life."

The demonstrators said that the number of vehicles using the highway had increased significantly since the beginning of Operation Peace for Galilee. Today hundreds of Lebanese citizens also use the road.

Meanwhile, two people were injured yesterday when a semi-trailer overturned, bringing down overhead power lines on the Haifa-Tel Aviv highway. The truck driver, Ya'acovian Antarnik, 34, from Haifa, and a passenger, were taken to hospital.

500 security prisoners to be moved

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Five hundred security prisoners are to be moved from Beersheba Prison to an institution being built on the West Bank, the new prison director, Sgan-Nitzav Albert Hayut, announced yesterday.

Hayut told a press conference held to introduce him that the prisoners will join 600 others in the new maximum security prison near Nablus which will be equipped with the latest electronic monitors.

The Beersheba prison will be reorganized so that each prisoner has more space. The dormitories, now holding up to 25 inmates each, will be eliminated and many single and double occupancy cells will be

introduced. Hayut, who has run four other prisons, sees his main task as the introduction of more modern methods.

Hayut wants to give more training and recruit more personnel from the army, the universities and kibbutzim to ensure more humane handling of inmates. Hayut on Friday succeeds Gaudar-Mishne Haim Kimron.

HAIFA ELDERLY. — Advice to the elderly and their relatives on arrangements for entering homes for the aged in Haifa is available on Tuesdays between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the municipality's welfare office in Rehov Shifaram, tel. 674243.

In deep sorrow, we announce the sudden passing of the manager of the Astor Hotel, Tel Aviv.

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HOME NEWS

Uzan: 'Are the poor really suffering?'

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The gloomy figures published this week by the National Insurance Institute showing a steady increase in the number of poor families have baffled Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Aharon Uzan. "If things are getting worse, why are people still satisfied?" he asked. "Where is the reaction?"

While not intending to cast doubt on the research and analysis of the NII report, Uzan yesterday decided to appoint a joint ministry-NII team to determine if the worsening income situation of the poor has been offset by improved social services in other areas.

He spoke yesterday to heads of social service bureaus in the Jerusalem and southern districts, brought together to review a four-year reorganization of ministry services in these areas.

Uzan said that he was constantly in touch with the people whose economic situation was supposedly worsening — "I've been in North Tel Aviv maybe twice in my entire life" — and he failed to see any corresponding reaction on their part. Officials at the meeting ventured that perhaps improved services in housing, education and health, and the improved provision of services by their ministry, had offset the drop in income.

Uzan also called for renewed efforts to unite the two wings of the ministry, labour and welfare, that have in most cases remained separate despite their formal union in 1977. "There are some cases where the district directors of the two wings don't even know each other," he said. He said that an attempt would be made this year to unify the services of the labour and welfare ministries, the Employment Service and the NII on the district level.

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Aharon Uzan. (Israel Sun)

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Kollek orders Laromme's balloon pricked

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday signed an order authorizing the demolition of the plastic balloon over the swimming pool of the Laromme Hotel because it was erected without a permit.

Kollek also ordered the pool closed because it had been opened to the public without the owners obtaining the relevant business licence.

Shmuel Severin, manager of the hotel, said yesterday that he intended to fight the demolition order in court.

'Tel Aviv spending unapproved funds'

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv municipality is responsible for irregularities in management and planning and for violating the law by dispensing unapproved funds, city controller committee chairman Arye Zucker said at the municipal council's debate Sunday on the city controller's report for 1981/82.

Lahat constantly portrays himself as upholding law and order uncompromisingly, but approves financial expenses without the approval of the city's finance committee or municipal council, as required by law," Zucker said. He added that Lahat also bypasses public tenders, which are required by law.

Zucker noted that despite a 17-post cut in the engineering administration, its efficiency has not increased, because the cuts were made at random and not according to the city's needs. Consequently, the engineering administration has been left without experienced foremen and without directors for the traffic, operations, public building and licensing departments.

While millions of shekels are channelled into parks and the Ha'aretz Museum, Zucker said, city roads are being neglected and school buildings are not being maintained. He noted that more than half a million shekels have recently been given to the owners of the Rav Hen cinema complex for renovations.

Lahat commented that in the past three years 2,300 posts have been cut from the city's personnel roster, without noticeable worsening of municipal services. He said further cuts are being obstructed by the objection of the workers and their work organizations.

Haifa museums send exhibits to U.S. twin city

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A valuable collection of ancient artifacts and art work housed in two museums here is to be loaned to Haifa's twin city of San Francisco. The collection of 220 items will be displayed at an exhibition in California to open on Israel's 35th Independence Day celebrations on April 18.

The exhibition, which depicts the history of Haifa and its connections with the Jewish people from the 18th century BCE to the 7th century CE, will be on display for 10 weeks and then tour America. The items, which belong to the Museum of Ancient Art and the National Maritime Museum, include Stone Age burial statues, a model of a迦南ite trading ship and many Bronze and Iron Age items.

If the tour is successful, the Haifa museum authorities hope to loan the exhibition to Haifa's 11 other twin cities in Europe, Asia and Africa.

Bigger donations after war, Dulzin says

LONDON. — In an interview with The Jerusalem Post, Jewish Agency Chairman Arye Dulzin said that the Lebanese war, far from reducing financial support for Israel as some had feared, has actually resulted in increased donations in many cases.

"This did not surprise me, though it surprised others," he said.

Dulzin was speaking at the conclusion of a two-day meeting here of the Jewish Agency Executive. The meeting approved the 1983-84 budget of \$360 million, with a further \$60m. for Project Renewal.

This will be presented for approval at the Agency's board of governors which meets in Jerusalem at the end of February.

The budget, representing an eight per cent increase over last year, was based on fund-raising campaign results throughout the world, which showed an increase, and on predictions for next year.

Dulzin said that the Executive had decided on two projects for youth "because they are the best investment for Jewish education, Jewish consciousness and aliya."

Fewer Israeli Arabs now want to visit Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — The number of Israeli Arabs applying to visit their relatives in Lebanon has sharply declined during the past two weeks.

An official dealing with Arab affairs in the north said the decline was due mainly to the uncertain security situation in Lebanon. Five Israeli Arabs, including a mother and her son, recently disappeared in Lebanon and local Arabs believe they are being held in captivity by the Phalangists.

The official added that since the Interior Ministry took over from the army the issue of entry permits for citizens to Lebanon, far more thorough checks are made to verify that the reason for the visit is genuine. Ministry officials felt that too many Israelis exploit the permits to buy cheap merchandise.

COUNSELLING. — Twentieth century counselling techniques are now being taught to rabbis employed in religious high schools and yeshiva high schools. The one-year course, is being given at Bar-Ilan University.

Gas companies back to work

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — All the country's domestic gas companies reopened yesterday under back-to-work orders, but it is not clear whether gas supplies will return to normal soon.

The gas companies went on strike at the end of last week, demanding more money for gas they supply to apartments with a central gas system.

A gas agent yesterday told The Jerusalem Post that the Fuel Commission can force them to open their stores, but as long as they are not given money to buy all the gas that is ordered, they will buy only the amount they can with the money on hand.

'7,000 Jews leave the Galilee yearly'

Seven thousand Jews leave the Galilee every year, and it is only natural increase and immigration that keeps the absolute number of Jews in the region from decreasing.

These figures, cited by Afula Mayor Ovadia Eli, were among data that yesterday led the Knesset Economic Committee to call on the government to implement plans for the development of the Galilee.

The committee's chairman, MK Gad Ya'acobi (Alignment), promised that it would closely follow the government's performance in this matter. The Knesset members voted two months ago that the Galilee should be given priority in development.

Economic Affairs Minister Ya'acov Meridor, chairman of the Ministerial Committee for the Galilee, welcomed the committee's call and said he would, within a month, present to it the recommendations of his committee.

Special NRP unit agrees that chief rabbis may stay on

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A special National Religious Party committee agreed yesterday that the two chief rabbis be allowed to serve beyond the legal 10-year limit, but the party's Knesset faction will this morning have to decide on the formula allowing them to do so.

The faction will have to choose between two proposals — one, that the chief rabbis be allowed to stand for another five year term and another, that their present term be extended by two-and-a-half years so that the elections for chief rabbis coincide with those for the Chief Rabbinate Council in 1985.

The two chief rabbis — Ashkenazi Shlomo Goren and Sephardi Ovadia Yosef — will have been in office for 10 years in April. Justice Minister Moshe Nissim demands that they step down and that new rabbis be elected as the law stipulates. Prime Minister Menachem Begin favours the idea of amending the law so that chief rabbis can continue in office till the age of 70, as do judges. But Begin and the cabinet are seen likely to adopt whatever compromise is reached within the NRP.

The NRP committee is composed of Interior Minister Yosef Burg, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, MKs Yehuda Ben-Meir and Avraham Melamed, party secretaries-general Danny Vermuss and Raphael Ben-Nathan, and Ministry of Religious Affairs director-general Rabbi Moshe Solomon.

The two-and-a-half-year extension was proposed by Ben-Meir, but there is reported to be wide support for the proposal that the rabbis be allowed to run for office again. Goren's supporters, who include members of the NRPs Hammer faction as well as MK Haim Druckman, believe that no one will challenge Goren.

But Goren's opponents, who come chiefly from the Burg faction and from the resurgent Yitzhak Raphael faction, say they have at least two candidates to oppose Goren in rabbinical elections. They are trying to convince Rabbi Yitzhak Kallit to run, and "another very important and formidable candidate." They say they are not releasing the second name to prevent pressure from Goren and



Two Border Policemen round up suspects in the bomb explosion yesterday outside Zedekiah's Cave near the Damascus Gate. (Yossi Zamir, Scoop 80)

Small bomb explodes near Old City wall

By ISRAEL AMRANI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A small bomb exploded yesterday noon near Zedekiah's Cave ("Solomon's Quarries") in Jerusalem's Old City, wounding one person. Police arrested 51 Arabs for questioning and later released all of them, police sources said.

Hassan al-Jawi, 65, a municipal maintenance worker, lost one of the fingers of his right hand when he touched off the bomb, which was in a trash container near the cave's entrance. A passer-by immediately took him to the Hospice Government Hospital in the Old City, where he was later reported in fair condition.

"I was sitting at the ticket sales office when I suddenly heard a very loud explosion and saw a lot of smoke," said Elihu Ohayon, the site's ticket salesman, who complained of ringing ears a half hour after the explosion occurred at 12.40 p.m.

Police closed the area on arrival, and arrested a number of Arab passers-by near the cave.

"Hassan picked a pastry bag out of the trash container. It exploded as he walked down the stairs, about five metres away," said Mussa Khaled, the injured man's co-worker.

"I asked him to clear the trash container several times daily for security reasons," said Shlomo Ilani, al-Jawi's supervisor, "and that's what he did. I saw it all from here," he said, pointing above the entrance.

The stairs leading down to the cave were spattered with blood, and al-Jawi's watch, with its glass smashed, and a broken cigarette were scattered about. The bomb was probably a large detonator, which had been hidden inside a half-eaten doughnut, unofficial police reports said.

Dov Ben-Meir denies mayoralty reports

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Labour MK Dov Ben-Meir yesterday denied press reports that he is a candidate for Tel Aviv mayor.

He also said that he will decide sometime in March whether to relinquish his Knesset seat or his post of secretary-general of the Tel Aviv Labour Council.

Ben-Meir will have to make this choice because a decision by the Labour Party's central committee prohibits the holding of more than one top party-related post.

Ben-Meir is the only Labour MK affected by the decision. The mayors to whom it applies have been allowed to stay on until municipal elections are held in November. Others, such as Shikun Ovidim director and MK, Rafi Edri, are likely to leave their executive posts and head their company's board of directors instead, thus avoiding the painful choice.

Following the press reports that Ben-Meir is Labour's candidate for Tel Aviv mayor, if he quits the Knesset, the Party's Tel Aviv district said yesterday that there have been no deliberations on the Alignment's choice to challenge the incumbent, the Likud's Shlomo Lahat. The candidate will not be chosen before the end of February, it was stressed.

Labour's candidate will be nominated by a committee made up of MK Eliyahu Speiser (chairman), MK Ora Namir, MK Dov Ben-Meir, Nathan Wolloch, Shraga Cantor and Nahum Raz.

Since it is not certain which post Ben-Meir will decide to give up, the party's Tel Aviv district adds that the race for succession in the Tel Aviv Labour Council has not yet started "and everything said about the issue is pure speculation. Should the post become vacant, a successor will be democratically chosen and acceptable to all."



Dov Ben-Meir

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Court-evicted Beduin tribe quit firing area

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The 200 Beduin of the Abu-Salb faction, who lost their petition to the High Court of Justice last week, have left the army firing area on which they were illegally settled.

It is not clear if they were evicted by the Green Patrol.

Binyamin Gur-Arye, the prime minister's adviser on Arab affairs, told The Jerusalem Post that previously, when the army was deployed in the Sinai, it turned a blind eye to trespassers on its territory. But today the army needs all the space in the Negev it can get and the Beduin must move, he said.

According to a master plan for resettling the Beduin Negev in permanent towns, the 15 Abu-Salb families will probably be relocated in Tel Sheva.

Bus faces to increase by 5-10%

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Bus fares will increase by 5-10 per cent during the coming fortnight.

On Sunday, interurban fares go up by five per cent. At the beginning of February, urban fares will go up by 10 per cent, a Transport Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said these hikes are part of the government's policy to lower subsidies on bus fares.

Anti-Semitic vandalism on the decline in U.S.

NEW YORK (AP). — Incidents of anti-Semitic vandalism in the U.S. dropped by almost 15 per cent last year after more than doubling each year since 1979, the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith reported on Monday.

"There is reason to hope...that the surge in recent years of anti-Semitic incidents has passed its peak," the report said.

The league attributed the change to increased publicity, enactment of laws against religiously motivated vandalism, stricter enforcement and education.

"Clearly what is called for are even stronger law enforcement measures, community actions and educational efforts to stamp out this blight on American society," said league director Nathan Perlmutter.

According to a league survey, 35 states and the District of Columbia reported 829 incidents last year — down 14.9 per cent from 1981, when 31 states and the capital reported 974 cases.

At the same time, the number of arrests in such vandalism episodes increased almost 50 per cent, from 114 to 167. More than 80 per cent of those arrested were under the age of 20.

The attacks included defacement of Jewish institutions, homes and public property with swastikas, anti-Jewish slogans and graffiti. There were 114 cases of arson and three bombings.

Almost two-thirds of the incidents occurred in the states of New York, California, New Jersey and Massachusetts.

Of four surveyed regions, only the south reported an increase of incidents of anti-Semitic vandalism, from 81 to 91.

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CRIES FROM THE DOOMED

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH / Jerusalem Post Reporter

FORTY-ONE YEARS after they were murdered by the Nazis, the Jews of a Polish village cry "revenge" from the walls of the Kovel Great Synagogue, where they scratched out their last testament with fingernails, ink, pencil and blood.

The hundreds of Jewish names, and the eerie messages they convey to those who read them, were painted over years ago. No one knows whether the synagogue in Kovel — now part of Russia — remains standing.

But 56-year-old Shlomo Perlmutter, one of the few who saw the messages and apparently the only one who recorded dozens of them, today provides a voice for the Jews who cried out: "We are going to our death today. Do not forget us!"

Now a teacher in Tel Aviv, Perlmutter has published his discovery of years ago in an attempt to counter claims of a growing number of people around the world that the Holocaust "never happened."

The 98 messages he copied from the walls of the majestic, four-story synagogue in 1944 and 1945 appear in the April 1983 issue of *Yalkut Moreshet*, a Tel Aviv journal dedicated to the memory of Warsaw Ghetto hero Mordechai Anielewicz.

Perlmutter, whose entire family was destroyed when he was 15, lost the list of names and messages during his voyage to Palestine on the "illegal immigration" ship *Latrun*. But most of his diaries have miraculously reappeared and Perlmutter was determined to publicize what he had seen.

PERLMUTTER HIMSELF was born in Ratne, just 50 km. from Kovel, to a Zionist family who gave him a good Hebrew education. He was 12 when the war broke out, but the part of Poland he lived in remained in Russian hands, so "for two years we had no Nazis." Jewish children organized a Zionist underground named *Gehalei Reimam*, named for a plant in the Arava that, when used in a bonfire, bursts into flame from a slight breeze even days after it has apparently burnt out. "We read poems of Bialik and Tchernichovsky, and we stole Hebrew books which the Russians had hidden."

When the Germans invaded in June 1941, many of the 3,000 Jews in Ratne were rounded up and taken away. Shlomo was taken with his father to a work camp in Volinia, 100 km. away. His mother, two brothers and grandfather remained behind. They were sent to work along with 130 other Jews building roads. The Nazis ensured that they didn't run away during their work

outside the camp by threatening to kill all the Jews of Ratne if a single prisoner tried to escape.

"We lived on bread and water. But no one," recalls Perlmutter, "thought that the Nazis would carry out their threat. Everyone had heard horror stories, but we all believed that 'it can't happen to us.'"

When it seemed clear that the Jews in the camp would indeed be murdered, Shlomo's father pleaded with him to stay so they could die together. But Shlomo, then 15, decided to run away and he managed to escape under a hail of bullets.

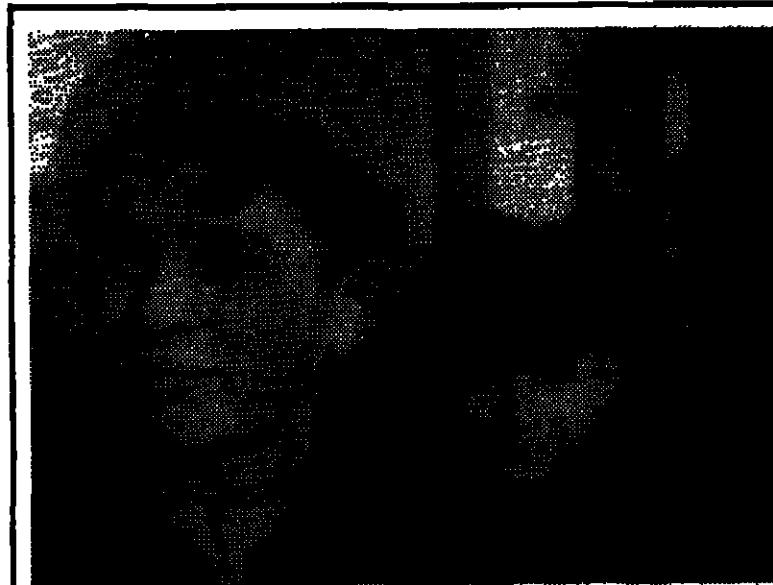
Disappearing into a nearby forest, he crawled into a pipe just 30 cm. in diameter, where he stayed for an entire day, despite the fact that it was partly filled with water.

"It was the longest day in my life," says Perlmutter, recalling that he believed his escape had resulted in the slaughter of all the Jews of Ratne. Finally he left the pipe, found a road he recognized and returned to the vicinity of the labour camp. From a distance he found that there was no one in the camp — not a sound emerged. The Jews had been sent to their deaths, but not because of his action. "I never saw my father again."

LUCKILY, a Polish farmer agreed to feed and hide him for a while. But then the boy had to leave and was caught "dozens of times," each time escaping. He wandered alone in the forests, sometimes meeting up with fellow Jews and Partisan fighters.

During his wanderings, Perlmutter met up with his nine-year-old brother, Mottele (Mordechai), who was the only other survivor of his family. One night, they hid in a barn, and Shlomo was caught and Mottele remained asleep. It turned out that Mottele was murdered by the peasant who discovered him in the barn, and was afraid of Nazi recriminations if he were found to be sheltering Jews. The farmer took the body of the boy to an old Jewish cemetery and buried it there.

Perlmutter skips a few years in his life story to explain how he learned where his brother was buried: "In 1944, as a partisan fighter, I returned to the area and asked about the fate of my brother. One man said to go to the old Jewish cemetery. I saw a place where the earth seemed fresh and started to dig. The place attracted me like a



Shlomo Perlmutter as a teenager in the Polish underground. Right: Perlmutter today.



magnet." After digging up 30 cm. of earth, he found a body and recognized the buttons of an old coat that had been handed down to his brother. Digging further, he saw his brother's face, almost as he had remembered it, because the cold ground had prevented decomposition. He closed up the grave again and rolled an anti-tank barrier over it to mark the site.

Jews constituted 61 per cent of the population at the end of that century. Before World War II, there were two Yiddish weeklies in the town, and several Jewish educational institutions, including a Hebrew gymnasium for Jewish pupils. After the Nazi invasion, Jews were rounded up and the elderly, the sick and the youngest children were transported to death camps. The principal *akzia* took place in

August 27, 1942 that he had "gone to my death for nothing." Sher, in fact, managed to escape from the synagogue, and reported later that the SS officer didn't bother the Jews while they wrote. "Let the Jews write whatever they want," said the officer. But the Ukrainian police, according to Sher, kept trying to push the Jews away from the walls with rifle butts.

After the Russians captured

'All have been killed. Now I am going with my wife and children to our deaths. Be well...'

In the same year, he returned to Ratne and Kovel. The entire town of Kovel, which had 17,000 Jews before the war, had been destroyed, except for the synagogue building.

According to the *Encyclopedia Judaica*, Jews had first moved into Kovel in 1536, but the community was wiped out during the Chmielnitzki riots in 1648-9. Under the patronage of the king of Poland, however, it was restored and repopulated in 1650.

In the 19th century, Kovel was a commercial centre, and its 8,250

July 1941. In the months following, Jews were taken to the synagogue before being sent to their deaths. The Germans were assisted by local Ukrainians, who sought out Jews hiding in attics and bunkers.

It was during their wait for death that the Jews of Kovel and the surrounding area wrote their last testament on the walls of the synagogue.

ONLY A FEW who were imprisoned there lived to tell their story themselves. One was Ben-Zion Sher, who had written on

Kovel. Perlmutter made his visit and wrote down some of the names and messages. And when he returned the following year, many of the messages had been painted over. He copied down those that remained.

Here is a sample of them, translated from the original Hebrew, Yiddish, Polish and Latin:

"TO THOSE to come after us — Remember the young souls. Revenge!" (signed) Y. Shaleh, P. Kagan, Y. Givert.

"I AM 20 years old. Oh how beautiful is the world around me... Why am I being lowered to the grave at a time when my whole being cries for life? Have my last moments really arrived? Revenge. Whoever reads my last testament, take revenge." (Unsigned)

"DEAR PARENTS, brothers and sisters. I wish to you well. I am here with Feige Kagan. She is alone. We are going to more beautiful worlds, with courage." (signed Yanki)

"DEAR MOTL, For two days Yanki and I waited for you, but to my sorrow... All the time I was with your brother... We are leaving the beautiful world. May our blood not be silent. We are going to the Jewish kingdom. I kiss you and the whole family." (Signed Feige)

"TO DAVID DRUCKER: I, Aharon Drucker of Crakow, met my death on October 20, 1942."

"MOTHER, FORGIVE ME. Know that I was caught when I went to get water. If you're ever here, remember your daughter Yente Sofer who died on September 14, 1942."

"FROM THE SYNAGOGUE, thousands of Jews were taken for slaughter over 10 days — young and old, big and small. The most horrifying is that they went to their deaths without a protest, like sheep. May the coming generations remember the death of shame and..." (signed Palus)

"LEIBEL SOSNEH, know that all have been killed. Now I am going with my wife and children to our deaths. Be well. Your brother, Avraham."

"THE DOORS are opening. Our murderers are coming, dressed in black. On their filthy hands they wear... white gloves. Two by two they take us out of the synagogue with our hands on our heads. Dear brothers and sisters, how hard it is to forever part from the beautiful world. Those who remain living, never forget us... Take revenge, revenge against the murders. Elster Yisrael, died on September 15, 1942, Kovel."

"DON'T CRY, Jews. The Germans will lose the war." (unsigned)

"I AM writing for the last time before my death. I don't know if any

Jews will remain alive. But if so, how sad that I am not one of them." (unsigned)

"PURE JEWISH blood will drown the Germans. Revenge, revenge. That the lightning may strike these sons of bitches." (signed) Yisrael Feinstein, August 23, 1942."

"MY DEAR sisters, we are not dying like any men, but falling in the hands of barbarians. We saved ourselves until September 6, 1942. We could do no more, because they betrayed us. Revenge us. Pray for us. (signed) Gittel Segal, born in 1922: Ethel Segal, born in 1924. Peace be with you. We know nothing about our parents (dated) September 7, 1942."

FANYA ARBEITER composed the following poem in Polish:

*Quiet, the murderers are coming
In the chamber there is silence
As we hear their voices, our hearts beat madly
As we hear their voices, our hearts stop beating.*

*God, take us to your eternal place.
But the murderers will pay with their blood!!!
How can I be happy, if by then I shall be in my grave?*

*But I hope that the last children will yet cut them alive into pieces
Another hour and another moment...*

Peace be to you, beautiful world, which I didn't have a chance to know. (August 23, 1942)

AFTER PERLMUTTER first discovered the synagogue writing, he returned to Russia and reported it to the Anti-Fascist League. To his consternation, they weren't interested. However, he was determined to bring the Holocaust victims' messages to the attention of the world after the war.

After he had lost the diaries — during a battle with the British aboard the *Latrun* — dockworkers at Haifa found them and sent them to the Hagana. "My name was on them, and later they reached me," says Perlmutter.

Perturbed by the current attempts to deny the Holocaust — whether by pseudo-historians, neo-Nazis or anti-Zionists — Perlmutter decided that the messages must be published. Even Yad Vashem had not been aware of their existence until he presented the material to them.

When he first visited the synagogue in Kovel, he signed his own name on one of the walls. "I will avenge the deaths of my brothers and sisters," wrote Perlmutter. By publicizing their names and their message he has taken a step towards that end.

Wall of silence

By ROBERT ROSENBERG / Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE TRIAL, mainly in camera, of two Kiyat Arba activists, charged with offences relating to illegal possession of weapons and explosives, could yet shed light on the activities of Jewish vigilante groups in the West Bank.

The trial of Ze'ev Friedman, former chairman of the Kiyat Arba council, and Moshe Rosenthal, former chief security officer for the Hebron suburb, is being held behind closed doors for "reasons of state security." Officials of the General Security Services will be called to testify, and issues regarding the distribution of arms by the IDF to Jewish settlers in the territories will be discussed at the trial.

While there is some hope that the trial — even behind closed doors — could begin the process of revealing questionable actions taken by West Bank Jews during the last several years, senior police officers in Jerusalem are doubtful that there will ever be a "clean sweep" of the vigilante groups.

Evidence in the Friedman and Rosenthal case has shown it may be linked to the case of the bombings of the West Bank mayors three years ago. One of the questions to be answered is whether the two men concealed evidence from the authorities.

"Any police force, in its detective work, must rely on the civilian population for help," a senior officer told this reporter recently. He is a veteran of more than 20 years of investigations. "In the West Bank, we have two kinds of civilian populations," he said. "There are those who are under occupation. They surely don't see us, the police, as an element with which to cooperate, to whom to turn with their complaints. They are afraid of us."

"And then there are the Jews. And to my sorrow, they, too, view us with hostility."

According to the officer, investigations into vigilante actions by Jews in the territories — whether the beatings of stone-throwing Arabs, mass vandalism of automobiles or, as has been



Menachem Begin

reported, the planting of bombs, encounter an almost insurmountable obstacle.

"Out there," he said, pointing from his Sheikh Jarrah office towards the East, "there is a sea of evil, hear no evil, speak no evil attitude among Jews about Jewish vigilantism."

"Rarely have we come across anybody ready to talk," he added. The problem is compounded, he indicated, by the fact that "because people see policemen in blue in the territories, they think that it's a policeman like the one they know from this side of the Green Line. The policemen on the other side of the Green Line are not really working for us. They work for the military administration, and implement Jordanian law."

"And the military set policy in the territory," he added.

The veteran investigator is careful to avoid dealing directly with the politics of the West Bank.

But it is clear that for him, as a policeman, there is a real problem that has not been dealt with.

"The military, the government, are ready to impose all sorts of collective punishments on Arabs, using a carrot and stick technique," he said.

"But it encourages the Jews — in all their activities," he added.

ASKED WHETHER that includes vigilantism, the officer paused. He rubbed his furrowed brow and looked out the window.

"I'll repeat myself. It encourages the Jews in all their activities," he said, emphasizing the word "all."

The problem reaches across the Green Line, he said. The case of Emil Grunzweig's murder at the Peace Now rally last February has the police perplexed.

Just this week there was talk that the special investigating team that had been working on the case — unsuccessfully — was to be "traded in" for another team. The emphasis at national police headquarters is that the decision had nothing to do with a lack of confidence in the investigating team, but rather was done in order to "freshen the investigation with fresh ideas."

Peace Now has called on Prime Minister Menachem Begin to intervene in the case. Among police circles there is the feeling that while they would appreciate a word from the prime minister, a word or two from an informant would be more useful.

"Until we find somebody who is ready to talk, we won't get very far," admit almost all police sources in Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, the police are pinning some hopes on the *in camera* trial now under way in the Jerusalem District Court. Even if the trial does not lead any further than the obstruction of justice case involving the two Kiyat Arba men, it will be, for the police, a step forward in finding their way through the wall of silence that they encounter when asking about what they have begun to call "Jewish terrorism."

IT HAS TAKEN the Cannes Film Festival 37 years to come full circle. Not only has the new festival palace, the great innovation of this year, been erected on the site of the old casino, which housed the first Cannes festival in 1946, but all the early teething problems have returned.

It is, in fact, as if the most experienced festival staff in the world has suddenly lost all its expertise and is learning its craft from scratch.

The trouble with Cannes lately is, apparently, a serious crisis of identity. Once it was a glittering affair, strudded with stars and abounding in glamour. Later, it acquired a more cultural image and appeared to be building itself up as a sort of temple for the seventh art.

Then it occurred to the organizers they should lay stress on the help given to the industry — after all, it is the business side of the trade that takes the risks and foots most of the bills. So Cannes became an enormous market, an aspect which has now practically dwarfed everything else.

With all these tendencies experiencing enormous growth and overflowing the facilities which have served the festival for many years, it was only natural to wonder whether the festival should be either reduced to human dimensions or be expanded even more into a kind of supermarket.

Which brings us back to the new Palais des Festivals. Before it was completed, it had already been nicknamed the "Festival's bunker," and if the organizers expected description to be modified after the construction was completed, they must have been sorely disappointed.

Like a huge cement-block spread over a huge surface, the complex consists of escalators going up and down in every direction (when they work) and mazes of corridors, too narrow for normal leading to huge, empty, decorative spaces. It has all the charm and the appeal of an airport combined with the modernistic style of that other cultural supermarket, the Pompidou Centre in Paris.

Given enough time and patience, people may well get accustomed to it. Except in this case, no one has been given enough time, and no one has sufficient patience. True, the facility has been operating for the

Identity crisis

CINEMA / Dan Fainaru

past five months, but now it is clear that when the complex was planned, the organization of a film festival within its confines was not one of the main concerns of architects. It might be efficient when used for TV encounters, record producers' conventions, symphony concerts or other activities, but films seem to pose problems of an altogether different nature. Poor-quality sound, curtains that don't open, screens that are placed too far from the audience, theatres in which you see the movie twice simultaneously, once from the screen and a second time from the reflection in the windows... all these are problems which Cannes had overcome in the past, which gave it the reputation for being a place where film was given royal treatment.

Add to the already unpleasant daily occurrences the fact that the management has still to make up its mind, after the first half of the festival is already over, who is permitted to see which screening, being screened every day. Not all, of course, are brilliant and no one can see more than a fraction of everything that is shown, so I limited myself to the official selection — which consists of six films a day.

Without daring to reach too many conclusions before the whole event is over, several rather surprising tendencies have become evident. First, it appears that the cinema as a political tool is out of breath, while there is a definite return to films dealing with personal problems, psychological crises, possibly combined with social comment. But there is none of the militant preaching of past years — not, at least, in the entries I have seen, and I have seen most of the official ones.

The closest any film comes to politics is the Swiss entry by Claude Goretta *The Death of Mario Ricci*. Goretta, a well-known director (he made the enormously successful *The Lacemaker*), expresses a feeling that has been prevalent for many years in Western society, and par-

ticularly in Switzerland — a feeling of guilt towards the less-developed world. The theme emerges clearly in this subdued, intelligent film, but the treatment is probably too slow and not sufficiently dramatic.

Hungary, always a source of quality films, maintained its high standards with *Forbidden Relations*, a story of incestuous love.

Two of the most delightful movies this year came from Britain, a country which is making a comeback of sorts into quality cinema after a long drought. Bill Forsyth (who directed *Gregory's Girl*) has a fresh and sympathetic look at his beloved Scotland in *Local Hero* the story of an abortive attempt by an American oil company to buy off a whole village there.

Meanwhile, the Monty Python team, as zany as ever, deal now with no less a theme than *The Meaning of Life*, elevating madness and bad taste to new heights. The only

problem is that after half an hour, they have difficulty topping themselves. Perhaps they should consider feeding their customers in a more restrained fashion rather than overindulging them prematurely.

If the Russian romantic comedy *Train Station for Two* shows the Communist system to be corrupt and inefficient at every level, it does so very innocuously, in an old-fashioned cinematic style. No wonder rumours abound that the festival had been practically coerced into accepting it.

One pleasant surprise was the first foray by American actor Robert Duval into two new fields (for him, that is) — singing and producing. Duval offers a beautiful portrayal of a country singer who manages to rebuild his life after undergoing mid-life crisis. He sings impressively and he has also invested money in the film. This also represents the U.S. debut of Australian director Bruce Beresford, whose reputation after *Don's Party* and *Breaker Morant* has been firmly established. Later, Duval will be seen at Cannes in a third role — as director — of *Angelo My Love*.

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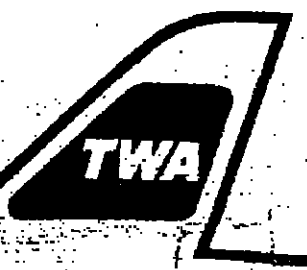
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Interferon-based salves help fight herpes InterPharm subsidiary gets \$7.8m. in research funds

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Biotechnological research here is receiving a major boost with the successful conclusion of a tax-advantaged private placement, which will provide \$7.8 million in R & D funds to InterPharm's subsidiary, Inter-Yeda. This was announced earlier this week by Israel Makov, InterPharm's president, in the presence of Prof. Arye Lavie, chief scientist of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Foreign investors will provide over the period of the four-year research programme a total of \$4.3m. Lavie explained that his office will provide \$3.5m. in loans for a period of 12 years at highly advantageous interest rates.

"The participants in the private placement are mostly individual investors from the U.S.," Makov said.

Prof. Michael Revel, head of the

virology department at the Weizmann Institute, explained that considerable progress has been made in producing interferon-based salves which are used in the treatment of herpes. Positive results have been achieved at the Sheba Medical Centre.

Some 5 per cent of the U.S. population is affected by the herpes skin disease and this high rate of incidence gives interferon-based preparations a considerable market potential.

InterPharm Laboratories is a public company and some 25 per cent of its shares are held by the public as a result of a share offering on the American over-the-counter market a year ago. InterPharm is a member of the multinational Ares-Seron group of companies. Its production, research and office facilities are located in the science-based industrial park known as Kiryat Weizmann.

Sotheby auctioneers in the red

LONDON (AP). — Sotheby Parke Bernet, the world's largest art auction house, Monday announced a pre-tax trading loss of £3,056 million (\$4.82 m.) for the year ending August 1982, a dive into the red from the previous years profit of £7.04 m. (\$11.12 m.).

But the result was not as bad as financial experts had predicted. After interim figures had shown a £1.5 m. (\$2.37 m.) deficit, London's financial community district buzzed with forecasts of a 12-month trading loss exceeding £6 m. (\$9.48 m.). Auction sales for the year tum-

bled by more than £85 m. (\$134.30 m.) to £267.501 m. (\$422.65 m.).

A company statement said the loss was largely due to the sharp reduction in the volume of sales, particularly the absence worldwide of large collections being sold at auction.

It said measures were taken in 1981-82 to cut costs. The group's staff was pruned by 30 per cent, to 1,430.

But, said the statement, there were now "positive signs of renewed vitality" in the art market.

Turkey shopping for \$3.5b. in project credits

ANKARA (AP). — Turkey is shopping for \$3.564 billion in loans for 30 major public sector projects, officials said yesterday.

A booklet entitled "selected projects available for external financing" is being distributed to foreign governments and banks urging them to contact the State Planning Organization, the officials said.

Heading the list is the Ataturk Dam and hydro-electric power plant complex to be built over the next ten years on the Euphrates river, with \$1.47 b. still needed.

The rockfill dam, to generate 8.1 billion kwh of electricity annually, would be Turkey's largest one, and

the third-biggest in the world, officials point out.

Also sought is:

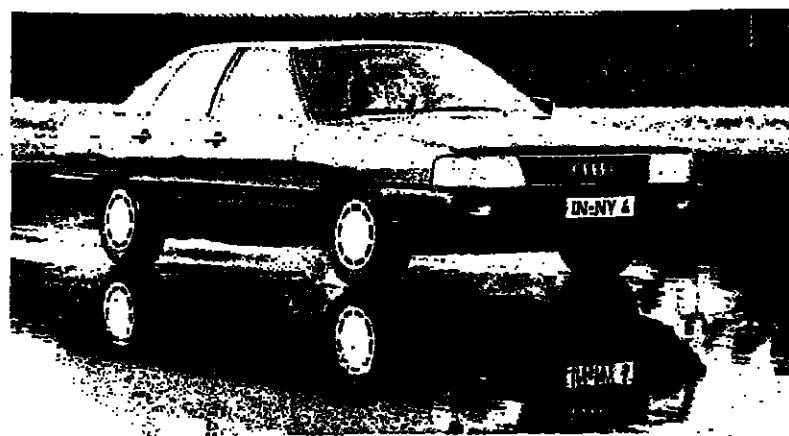
— \$100 m. for the Karakaya Dam;

— \$150 m. for irrigation;

— \$806 m. to enlarge Turkish Airlines; and

— \$82 m. for a second bridge over the Bosphorus.

In 1979 this NATO nation's credit rating was reduced to zero after it was unable to service its foreign debts, but a 1980 recovery programme eased the crisis. Thanks to rising exports, Turkey has had no trouble since then making principal and interest payments due on its foreign debt.



The new front-wheel drive Audi 100 has an aerodynamic design said to give it greater stability against crosswinds even at high speeds.

Champion Motors shows Audi, VW van

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Champion Motors distributors of Volkswagen and Audi yesterday unveiled the new version of the Audi 100 and the VW delivery van.

Managing director Ya'acov Reemy told newsmen that the new Audi 100 has one of the lowest drag coefficients of any car on the road today, and that its aerodynamically clean body reduces fuel consumption considerably.

Fuel consumption for the 1.8 litre engine model at 90 kph. will be about 16.3 kilometres per litre on the highway, while in town will be about 10km. per litre.

The most outstanding new feature of the delivery van is that its motor will now be cooled by water rather than by air. From April it will also be available in a diesel version, in accordance with new regulations permitting this. It has a 1.9 litre petrol engine and a 1.6 litre diesel engine.

Prices for the Audi 100 range from IS\$6000 to IS\$16,487,300 including all taxes and VAT. For buyers who do not pay taxes or VAT, the price range is from IS\$12,940 to IS\$47,040.

The vans cost from IS\$94,520 to IS\$69,770, including VAT and all other taxes. For those who do not have to pay taxes or VAT prices range from IS\$294,350 to IS\$326,360.

Renault plant paralyzed after 10,700 laid off

PARIS (AP). — The Renault auto assembly plant at Flins outside Paris remained paralyzed yesterday as a strike by about 100 paintshop workers went into its fifth day.

A Renault spokesman said negotiations with the four main labour unions resumed yesterday morning following Sunday's decision to lay off 10,700 production line workers indefinitely because of the dispute.

The government, mindful of state-owned Renault's pace-setting labour relations history, wants to keep any pay hikes at the plant within its wage guidelines and thereby prevent a series of inflationary wage demands from spreading

throughout the car group and possibly the whole of French industry.

The paintshop workers are demanding a monthly pay increase of 300 francs (\$45), changes in job classifications, bigger hardship allowances and an extra 10 minutes shower time.

About 18,000 workers are employed at the Flins plant, one of France's biggest. Under normal conditions 1,650 Renault 5S and Renault 18S roll off its production line each day.

Renault said it suffered almost one billion francs (\$16m.) in losses during the first half of last year, after a 675 million-franc (\$100m.) loss in 1981.

COFFEE TAX. — Brazil has raised its tax on coffee exports in an apparent contradiction of its agreement with the International Monetary Fund to reduce such duties.

DEVELOPMENT. — The Haifa district planning commission has approved plans for a 1,000 home development scheme on land off Freud Street, known locally as the 'old airport site.'

Tractor maker pulled back from ¼ billion dollar annual loss Canadian firm sells 'downsizing'

TORONTO (Reuters). — Canada's

best known multinational company, farm equipment manufacturer Massey-Ferguson, has set up a consulting firm to teach others the hard lessons it so painfully learned at the brink of bankruptcy a few years ago.

In 1978, Massey stunned financial markets by announcing an annual loss of more than a quarter of a billion dollars. The problem with the world's largest producer of tractors was that it had expanded too fast and become bloated with assets it could ill afford.

Massey had to trim the fat speedily, cutting its workforce by more than half and trimming its factory space by 40 per cent. Now the new, lean company has predicted it could break even this year, although the farm equipment business has been pole-axed by the international economic downturn.

That "back from the brink" expertise is now being passed to other recession-hit firms by a company called Verity Associates, set up by Massey to exploit the lessons of its ordeal.

Verity offers to teach troubled companies about "downsizing" and "de-hiring," the soothing euphemisms of mid-recession that mean closing plants and sacking

workers. With its radical five-year reorganization programme now behind it, Massey argues that it has become so lean it could stage a turnaround without a major option in the market.

The investment community, however, is not so sure. One analyst and veteran Massey watcher, David Schulman, acknowledges that Massey-Ferguson has made great strides in eradicating problems that had been with the company for decades.

But he predicts more "blood-letting" will be necessary in the coming months to sharpen the company's competitive edge. And, in the view of other stock market analysts, Massey's long-awaited turnaround depends ultimately on the farmer it sells to.

It was Massey's new chief, British businessman Victor Rice, who decided the firm was too fat.

Since Massey was founded in the 1840s in Canada, it has been a growth-by-acquisition company. Stock market analysts contend that its real troubles started with the buying binge that began in the 1950s with the purchase of the British-based Perkins Engine group. By the 1970s, Massey was marketing its products in 190 countries from

Argentina to China and had plants in 19 of them.

In 1978, one analyst sounded the alarm: "The company's assets are too thinly spread over too many plants," he said. Then came the revelations of enormous losses, followed by the ill-fated cure of austerity of Mr. Rice.

Since those days, Massey has gone cap-in-hand once to the Canadian and British governments and twice to its international bankers for an easing of its onerous debt load, estimated at about \$1.27 billion.

The company is now working out final details of a \$600 million refinancing package. Even if there is a turnaround, Schulman wonders if the cash-starved company can compete with some of the new technology soon to be offered by the Japanese and other firms in the business.

The fate of Massey's major world competitor, Chicago's International Harvester, could also play a major role in the Canadian giant's future, Schulman believes. He noted that with the farm machinery market already very competitive, the bankruptcy of a major firm such as the troubled International Harvester and the resulting sale of its inventory could inflict tremendous damage on the industry.

Singapore buying more oil on spot market

SINGAPORE (Reuters). — Singapore's refineries are cutting back on direct crude oil imports from the Gulf States and are buying more on the cheaper spot market, industry sources said yesterday.

They told Reuters that at least two of the five major refineries were buying increasingly on the spot market, where prices were about \$4 lower than the benchmark price of \$34 a barrel set by OPEC.

The sources added that purchase agreements with oil exporters usually allowed companies to cut back on the contracted amount.

IMF may get big loan from Saudis

RIYADH (AP). — Saudi Arabia was reported Monday to have agreed to provide the International Monetary Fund with "a big loan" aimed at shoring up current global finances.

The leading Saudi newspaper *al-Riyadh* attributed its information to unidentified officials who took part in talks here over the weekend with an IMF team headed by Sir Geoffrey Howe, British Chancellor of the Exchequer and chairman of the interim IMF committee.

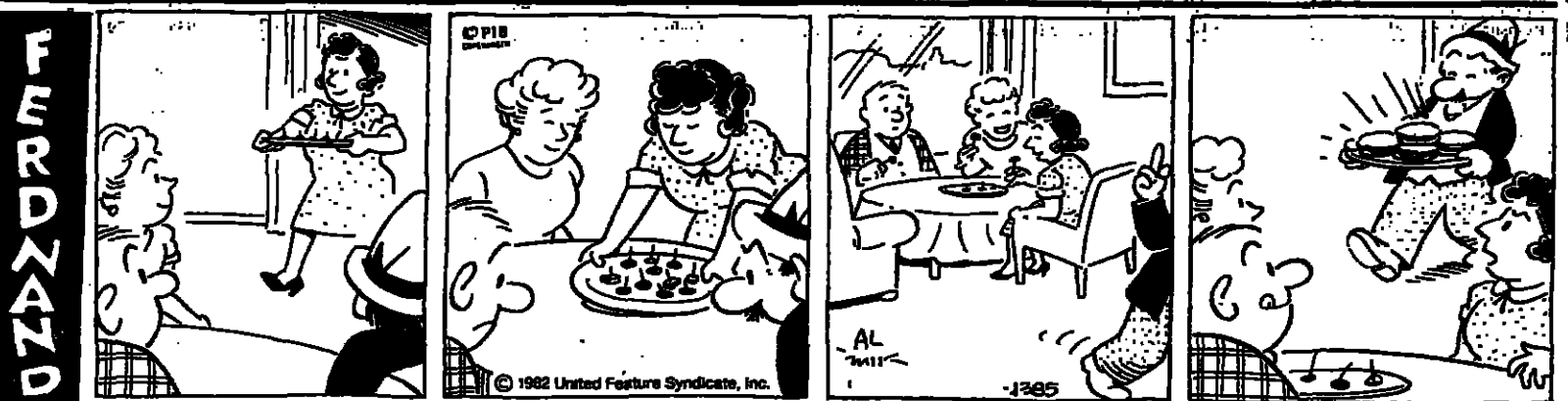
The report, which declined to give a specific amount, said the loan came within efforts to "support the fund's programme of activities which aim at helping developing

countries to face economic problems and balance of payment deficits."

The IMF is known to have sought assurances from Saudi Arabia that it would provide a \$4.4 billion loan during the current year, bringing to \$13.2b. the total of Saudi loans to the fund since 1980.

The Saudis were also sounded out on the possibility of joining an emergency annual lending pool of \$5.6b., hitherto confined to the ten industrialized nations.

Some recent reports have suggested that the oil-rich kingdom may be considering a decrease in its IMF contribution because of falling oil exports during the past year.



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Money Matters

The bulls return to Allenby Street

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

TEL AVIV. — An air of renewed optimism was felt in the halls of the exchange yesterday, as the "bulls," which had been absent for the past three sessions returned — and did so in style. A full 96 securities advanced by margins of 5% or better, while only 44 declined by similar amounts. Trading activity remained at a high pitch and crossed the IS1.8 billion level.

Yesterday marked the debut of the Shin-Har shares in the land development and real estate group. The shares could not be traded due to massive demand in the amount of about IS100 million. The exchange registered the shares as "buyers only" and automatically hiked their price by 40%.

Trading in index-linked bonds was moderate, as prices continued to creep upward.

The dollar appreciated by one agora against the shekel.

In the commercial bank group the TDB rights traded unchanged at 2,620, while the Discount Bank rights were up by more than 13%, to 2,470.

The Maritime Bank group of shares was strong, with gains of 1.4% and 3%. North American Bank 5.0 was up by 3.7%.

Israel General Bank, in the aftermath of its recent run-up, saw its shares ease by 3.4%. Massive sell orders had no effect on FIBI, as its price remained unchanged.

Phoenix 0.5, with a 10% gain, led a rising insurance sector. In the service group Bonded Warehouses 0.1 was "sellers only," while Teta 5.0 was hit for a 10.1% loss.

The land development and real estate group came in for brisk demand and prices advanced by moderate margins for the most part. Lumir 1.0 was up by more than 6%.

Caesarea 0.5 zipped ahead by 13.4%.

In the industrial group the shares of Goldfrost did not trade as the company announced that for the six months ending September 30, 1982 its net real profit, adjusted for inflation, stood at IS6.8m., compared with IS2.3m. a year ago. In the same period sales advanced to IS21.5m., compared with IS2.4m. a year earlier.

Alliance was a 10% gainer, as the case with Vitalgo. Clal Electronics continued to advance sharply and posted an 8.7% gain.

Frutaron, in advance of an announcement of improved sales, was ahead by nearly 10%.

In the investment company group IDB Developments was 5.3% higher, while the Elgar shares galloped 10% higher. Clal Real Estate was a 10% winner as well. Piron rose by 20 points to a new recovery high of 1,303. Oil issues trended mostly lower.

Dard announced that it has acquired land on which to build 40 housing units in the Ashdod C Quarter. The apartments will be built for the Belz Hassidic group. The land was bought for \$1.3m. The Carmel Mortgage Bank has filed a request for approval of an issue of capital notes and options.

Kilil has announced that it will allocate shareholders bonus shares in the order of 200%. The existing shares will be ex-bonus on February 16.

Moriah (Israel) Technology has filed with the exchange a request for

approval of a first-time-ever financing issue in the order of IS131m. The company, which was established in 1979 by investors from the U.S. and which is headed by Gilman Hill, of Denver, Colorado, is active in oil, gas and mineral exploration.

Clal Industries announced yesterday that it has purchased a 58% stake in the shares of Magan United Rubber Industries. At the same time Elgar Investments increased its share holdings in Magan to 37%. Magan is in its fourth decade of operations and is active in the production of automotive rubber belts and belting for industry. The company is also an exporter and of its total sales of IS131m. in 1981/82, one third was sold abroad. The company employs some 360 personnel and its manufacturing quarters are in the industrial centre of Ra'anana.

Nilt has submitted to the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange a request for approval of a first-time-ever issue of shares and options aimed at raising IS472m. The company was established more than 10 years ago for foreign investors, who are represented by E. Levy, of Milan. The latter is a major producer in Europe of lining materials. The company produces a range of nylon 66, which is used in the pantyhose and hosiery industry. Some 80% of the production is exported.

Most active stocks

FIBI	1765	7,819.9	+12
General 5	3200	5,171.7	+15
Agan Chem	815	3,204.2	+15
Shares traded	IS1,848.9m.		
Convertible	IS48.3m.		
Bonds	IS176.8m.		

Argentina inflation almost 210 per cent

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). — Argentina's cost of living index rose 10.6 per cent in December, bringing inflation in 1982 to 209.7 per cent, the highest rate since 1975, government figures show.

The increase for 1981 was 131.1 per cent, after 87.6 per cent in 1980, according to the statistics. In 1975, the cost of living rose by a record 334.5 per cent.

Last year's figures mean Argentina continues to have one of the highest inflation rates in the world. Local economists said the figures reflected massive devaluations carried out by the government to help repay Argentina's \$43 billion foreign debt. Devaluation brought the peso to about 48,000 to the dollar last December.

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	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Commercial Banks				
IDB p.	50600		n.c.	—
IDB r.	3033	3,416	+12	+6
IDB r.	3440	b.o.l.	+150	+5
IDB p. A	12100	4	n.c.	—
IDB p. B	10400	1	n.c.	—
Union r.	1830	983	+15	+8
Union p. r.	6601	2	n.c.	—
Discount r.	3812	1,086	+348	+10
Discount p.	2651	2,130	+2	+2
Discount p. 2	3050	95	+15	+7
Discount p. 3	314	103	+1	+3
Mizrahi r.	1985	2,584	+37	+18
Mizrahi p.	2022	135	n.c.	—
Mizrahi p. 3	13480	—	—	—
Mizrahi p. 10	3320	34	+220	+6.2
Mizrahi p. 11	1425	123	n.c.	—
Mizrahi p. 6	6600	3	n.c.	—
Mizrahi p. 7	5870	—	+250	+4.5
Mizrahi p. 9	360	217	+2	+1.6
Mizrahi p. 10	7200	256	+100	+14
Maritime 0.5	2650	79	+7	+3
Hapoim p. 8	5616	2	+251	+4.7
Hapoim p. 9	3416	31	+2584	+7.2
Hapoim p. 11	11400	31	+17	+5
Hapoim p. 12	2625	2	n.c.	—
Hapoim p. 13	1400	141	n.c.	—
Hapoim p. 6	5130	3	n.c.	—
Hapoim p. 8	5130	3	n.c.	—
General A	7371	31	+260	+3.4
General p. 6	15310	2	+1,930	+9.3

General 7	188	b.a.i.	+9	+5
Leumi	1765	7,081	+12	+7
Leumi op 4	9370	7	+5	+5
Leumi op 13	1210	485	n.c.	—
Leumi sc 9	1194	46	+4	+3
Leumi sc 11	2990	227	+2	+6
	1099	23	+20	+7
Finance Trade	32625	268	+150	+43
Finance Trade	32850	48	+220	+84
Finance Tr. op	2300	90	—70	-31
N. American 1	1998	117	+28	+9
N. American 5	1985	1080	+70	+37
Donot 5.0	639	1,090	n.c.	—
Donot sc 2	1070	163	—30	-27
Fin. Int'l 5	1733	262	-18	-1
FIBI	3300	5,176	n.c.	—

Agathin v.	1795	525	-60	-12
Agathin p. 1	1795	2	n.c.	n.c.
Agathin p. 2	1795	2	n.c.	n.c.
Agathin p. 3	1795	2	n.c.	n.c.
Agathin p. 4	1795	2	n.c.	n.c.
Agathin p. 5	1795	2	n.c.	n.c.
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Agathin p. 15	1795	2	n.c.	n.c.
Agathin p. 16	1795	2	n.c.	n.c.
Agathin p. 17	1795	2	n.c.	n.c.
Agathin p. 18	1795	2	n.c.	n.c.
Agathin p. 19	1795	2	n.c.	n.c.
Agathin p. 20	1795	2	n.c.	n.c.
Agathin p. 21	1795	2	n.c.	n.c.
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Agathin p. 98	1795	2	n.c.	n.c.
Agathin p. 99	1795	2	n.c.	n.c.
Agathin p. 100	1795	2	n.c.	n.c.

Insurance

Contractors C	519	381	+5	+1
Agribusiness A	16800	23	+800	+5
Ind. Dev. P	9130	15	+830	+10
Ind. Dev. P B	1703	25	+80	+10
Ctlal Lease op	8325	194	+75	+10
Ctlal Lease op B	705	28	+66	+10.3
Ctlal Lease op I	290	248	-5	-17.7

Insurance				
Aryeh r.	2755	1,031	+5	+2
Aryeh op	80000	9	n.c.	—
Aryeh op B	1660	136	n.c.	—
Aryeh p. 1	2505	10	+5	+2
Aryeh p. 2	1703	b.o.l.	+1	+0.9
Aryeh p. 3	305	5	+1	+5.0
Reinsur. q.1 r.	2051	5	+51	+17
Reinsur. q.2 r.	2210	49	+30	+1.4
Reinsur. op I	1777	10	+60	+35
Hadar I.0	1137	69	+35	+3.2
Hadar op	727	348	n.c.	—
Hadar op I	560	69	-6	-1.1
Haseesh r.	4830	1,206	n.c.	—
Haseesh p.	4850	51	+200	+4.3
Haseesh op	4513	106	+7	+1.6
Haseesh op 3	4100	151	+100	+2.5

Services & Utilities

Yaron's op 1	3221	102	+21	+7
Yaron's op 2	1745	16	+100	-5.4
Menora 5	1843	b.o.i.	+88	+5.0
Sahar r	1875	187	n.c.	—
Securities r	2845	102	+15	+5
Zur r	2410	10	n.c.	—
Zur op 2	1225	90	+54	+4.6
Zion Hold. 1.0	361	470	n.c.	—
Zion Hold. 5.0				

Services & Utilities

Galei Zohar 1	360	51	-20	-5.3
Galei Zohar 5	200	137	+14	+7.5
Galei Zohar 5 op 1	170	49	+3	+1.8
Delek Mikun	580	167	+10	+1.8
Delek r	6500	16	n.c.	—
Delek b	7540	1	n.c.	—
Harel 1	425	164	-11	-2.5

	Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
Harel 5	238	55	-13	-5.2
Harel op 3	237	55	-8	-3.1
Lighterage 0.1	11056	77	n.c.	—
Lighterage 0.5	7100	160	+100	+14
Cold St. 0.1 r	30890	1	-1709	-5.2
Cold St. 0.1 r	11880	13	n.c.	—
Harel Electric	584	11	+8	+1.3
Dan Hotels 5	333	348	+8	+1.5
Dan Hotels 5	325	212	+6	+1.9
Carat Beach	218	1170	-16	-7.9
Coral B. op 1	161	171	-1	-0.6
Teta 1	1001	s.o.l.	-52	-9
Teta 1	456	s.o.l.	-10	-10.1
Teta op 1	395	s.o.l.	-23	-5.5
Magor 0.1	3280	10	-40	-1.2
Magor 0.5	868	87	-79	-10.0
Magor op 1	2304	1	n.c.	—
BondWare 0.1	1711	s.o.l.	-90	-5.0
BondWare 0.5	654	s.o.l.	-25	-3.8
BondWare op 1	624	314	+10	+1.6
Yahalom	432	—	-22	-4.9
Nikav 1.0	1020	24	-65	-6.0
Nikav 5.0	323	71	-20	-6.5
Nikav op 1	877	s.o.l.	-57	-6.2
Consortium	1700	20	+60	+3.7
Consortium op 1	1550	17	n.c.	—
Crystal 1	1508	70	-110	-6.5
Crystal op 1	2180	1	-10	-0.4
Rapac 0.5	583	107	+12	+2.1
Supersol 2	6580	7	n.c.	—
Supersol 10	2510	13	+15	+0.6
Supersol op 1	1860	4	-10	-0.5

Oren	538	519	+38	+7.6
Oren op 1	970	15	-31	-3.1
Oren invest.	255	206	-49	-19.2
Azorim r.	610	533	-77	-12.7
Azorim op C	4130	12	+160	+4.0
Azorim op D	6263	40	n.c.	n.c.
Azorim op E	1265	72	n.c.	n.c.
Africa Isr. 01	1380	37	10	+2
Africa Isr. 1.0	3230	25	n.c.	n.c.
Africa Isr. 2.0	1000	25	n.c.	n.c.
Afrodan 01	1070	420	+46	+4.5
Afrodan 05	143	8	-2.3	
Afrod. op A	579	+60	+7.1	
Afrod. op B	1000	14	n.c.	+6.9
Ben Yakar op	1248	86	+65	+5.5
Baranovitz 1	315	721	-15	-4.6
Baranovitz 5	210	403	n.c.	n.c.
Baranovitz 6	145	173	n.c.	n.c.
Dankner 1	351	404	+12	+3.5
Danard 0.1	455	177	-10	-2.2
Danard 0.5	224	172	+6	+2.8
Danard 1.0	1790	17	+1	+0.1
Danard 2	345	60	+1	+3
NILB 0.1	494	117	+32	+9.3
NILB 0.5 r.	290	257	-19	-6.3
NILB 1.0 r.	10000	2	n.c.	n.c.
Hayaleid Bldg	10000	2	n.c.	n.c.
Bayside 01	2650	53	-110	-1.9

Byaside op 8	3120	6	n.c.	-
ILDC r	4800	51	-150	-3.2
ILDC op 5 div.	4800	51	-150	-3.2
ILDC b	4980	21	+10	+2
ILDC op 6	4400	8	+100	-2.3
ISCP r	559	79	-89	-8.1
Ispra r	-1442	836	n.c.	-
Isralu	443	139	+1	+2
Isra b	977	340	+6	+7
Isra op 1j	750	66	+60	+8.7
Cohen Dev.	290	160	-5	-1.7
Cohen Dev. op	260	56	+30	+13.0
Lumir i	564	515	+32	+6.1
Lumir op	197	38	+7	+5
Lumir op. 1	174	826	+18	+11.5
M.T.M. 1	4000	64	+87	+2.2
M.T.M. 5	2600	173	+204	+8.5
M.T.M. 5 div.	2600	38	+204	+8.5
Medahdin r	13880	17	+81	+6
Modul Beton	3600	7	n.c.	-
Mishnael 5	820	232	-52	-6.0
Mishnael 1	100	16	-1	-1.6
Mishnael 1.5	100	16	-1	-1.6
Mishnael 2	306	18	+13	+6.7
Mishnaul 1	792	41	+12	+1.5
Mishnaul 5	420	99	n.c.	-
Mishnaul 5 div.	420	99	n.c.	-

Lifschitz 5	219	732	n.c.	-2.9
Lifschitz op	152	633	n.c.	+5
Neot Aviv	2301	15	+50	+2.3
Nichesi Hadar	1174	491	+60	+5.4
Sofit Bon. p. A	6900	78	n.c.	—
Pri Or	1116	43	+61	+5.8
Pr Or op	1175	10	-100	-7.8
Caesarea 0.1	1861	370	+30	+1.6
Caesarea 0.5	390	1,600	+46	+13.4
Rogovin 1	527	s.o.l	-27	-4.9
Rogovin 5	294	145	+14	+5.0
Rogovin op	169	210	-18	-4.5
Rassco p. r	1125	679	+86	+8.3
Rassco r	1007	625	n.c.	—
Rassco op	809	389	-45	-5.3

Industrials

Agan Chem.	815	3,204	+15	—
Barch I.	426	136	+14	+3.4
Barch S.	342	107	+26	+8.2
Barch S.	181	181	—	+6.8
Cyclone 0.1	1988	101	+26	+15
Under 0.5 r	1499	36	+15	+10
Atlantic I	215	533	+10	+0.9
Atlantic I	131	172	—	+1.2
I.P. Building	434	1772	+24	+5.7
Elton 3.0 r	1320	11	+71	+6
Elton 3.0 r	11400	2	+300	+2.7
Alumit	550	214	+0.8	+0.8
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Tugging at Reagan

ISRAEL'S official attitude to the Reagan Plan has been largely a matter of hope.

The hope has been that Jordan would finally decide that it has no Arab, and more immediately Palestinian, mandate to enter into negotiations for the retrieval of the West Bank; that the PLO, whipped into intransigence by its more radical factions, would in any case undercut any Jordanian readiness to engage in peace talks with Israel; and that the Reagan administration, faced with a show of standoffishness, if not hostility, by the Arabs, would then turn its attention to more pressing matters, including the president's coming re-election campaign. Thus the Reagan Plan would simply wither on the vine, and die.

Reports accumulating in the past few days suggest that this hope may be confounded.

King Hussein has apparently become convinced that time is running out on any diplomatic initiative to reunite the two banks, and that unless Jordan announced within weeks its willingness to join in, he will have missed the boat — and perhaps lost the West Bank forever, in its entirety. The Jordanian monarch has therefore been pressing the PLO for an explicit decision in favour of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation to take part in the mooted talks.

The chances of such a delegation being formed have been strengthened in consequence of the discussions just held in Amman between King Hussein and Yasser Arafat. An agreement in principle to that effect appears to be near, although it would require the formal endorsement of the Palestinian National Congress next month. To meet Israeli and American objections, the Palestinian members of the delegation would not be actual PLO representatives.

Defence Minister Arik Sharon yesterday enunciated a new Israeli view barring talks with any PLO-tinged Palestinians.

To be sure, there are still forces within the Arab world and outside it that are working hard to thwart any American-sponsored departure from the old Arab consensus. The Syrians (though no longer the Iraqis) are dead set against it, and when Arafat goes to Moscow shortly, he will doubtless be advised by Soviet leaders to watch his step. But there is far smaller likelihood now than there was even a few weeks ago that the diehard opposition will carry the day.

This should make it possible for King Hussein to offer President Reagan the kind of favourable response to the American invitation he turned down when it was urged on him in the White House last month.

In its attempts at persuasion, Washington is reported (by the usually reliable Monte Carlo radio) to have gone beyond a pledge to put the heat on Israel to freeze all settlement activity for the duration of the peace talks. It also promised to consider reducing the period of the autonomy from five years to one, and possibly to six months. If true, this would be exceedingly strange.

After all, the length of the autonomy was fixed at Camp David by agreement between Egypt and Israel, and it cannot unilaterally be varied by the U.S. to suit Jordan's convenience. But the report may suggest the degree of current estrangement between the Reagan administration and the Begin government. Challenged by Israel's bid to foreclose the Jordanian option for the occupied areas through settlement, the U.S. is apparently hitting back with a scheme designed to foreclose the Israeli option itself.

Surprising? Not at all, unless it was assumed that affable Mr. Reagan, confronted with evidence of warlike Arab obduracy, would come to underwrite, as both just and inevitable, the vision of a Greater Israel. But that assumption has rested on flimsy foundations all along.

Israel may, of course, by its own stubborn resistance still cause the Reagan Plan to wither on the vine. But the consequence could be far more bitter fruit.

The Canal and Amman diversions

By LEONARD E. SCHWARTZ

ON DECEMBER 6, Jordan's delegate to the UN launched yet another anti-Israeli tirade. The subject: "Israel's decision to build a Mediterranean-Dead Sea Canal."

The Arab bloc's lack of respect for international forums is notorious. Its desire to wrest land from Israel is equally well known. Its latest tactic is to intrude into the very essence of Israel's decision-making process.

The government of Israel has yet to reach a final decision on replenishing the Dead Sea with the waters from the Mediterranean. Yet the Arab bloc has already launched a comprehensive attack on the un-taken decision.

In August 1981, the Arab bloc tried to marshal international support at the UN conference on new and renewable sources of energy against the proposed canal. In December 1981, together with the Soviet bloc, it railroaded through the UN General Assembly a resolution that is conspicuous for its inherent contradictions.

The contradictions lay in simultaneously calling for an immediate halt to the project. While at the same time calling on the UN Secretary-General to undertake a study of the proposed canal. This may not be rational, but who cares about rationality when waging psychological warfare. For that is the name of the latest Arab game.

The extent to which the Arab psychological campaign is gaining adherents was revealed in the statement made by Canada's UN representative:

"The Canadian Government has decided that neither it nor any of its agencies would involve themselves in any way in the Israeli project or encourage or assist Canadian individuals or corporations to make their services available to such individuals or corporations in the recent past."

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matters concerning that project as long as the government was concerned about the plan," he told the general assembly.

Thus, when Jordan's delegate rose again in the UN last month, his aim was less to discuss the significance of a decision on the canal project, as one might expect of a UN member, but rather to prevent Israel from even contemplating such a move.

Religious and archeological sites would be buried under the Dead Sea, he claimed. Earthquakes would occur. The two waters would not mix. The Dead Sea would be too high. Jordanian roads and tourist facilities would be seriously damaged.

Closer inspection reveals that the "tourist facilities" allegedly affected by the canal project consisted of a modest restaurant and a shower house. Much of the "road" involved is still in the planning stage, while the religious and archeological sites would probably prove as ghost-like as the Jordanian allegations, for the south basin of the Dead Sea has been under water for decades.

These findings were reached by a UN mission, the one appointed as a result of the very same General Assembly resolution instigated by the Arabs. Earthquakes, in the opinion of the UN mission, are "not very likely, given the relatively small overload and the fact that the Dead Sea level had already been at the proposed ultimate level (-390.5 MSL) for a number of years in the recent past."

The UN mission also noted that "the Mediterranean water will not affect the surface reflectivity." Conversely, they added, "The rise in the Dead Sea level would

counteract...increased consumption by the Israeli and Arab potash works."

For Israel to expect praise from its Arab neighbours is perhaps unduly optimistic. But for the Arab bloc to flaunt essentially baseless charges, relevant or not, before every sort of international forum does not deserve the international attention accorded them so far.

HOW SHOULD one answer the Arab allegations? Should one, indeed, respond at all or remain silent? To respond lends dignity to what is undignified. But not to respond leaves one open to still further pressures.

A degree of rationality apparently does exist within the international community. Despite the intense pressure of the Arab bloc, many of the delegates to the conference on new and renewable sources of energy resisted the pressures and asserted their resentment against the Arab intrusion of irrelevant political issues into a conference concerned with the vital issue of oil-free energy. They abstained on the final vote.

In classical terms, the best defence might be an offence. Jordanian damming of the Yarmuk and Zarqa rivers have substantially reduced the water flowing into the Dead Sea. Expansion plans for the King Talal and Al Makenen dams, as well as completion of a storage dam at the Ghor Canal, will restrict the flow still more.

True, Israel has also diverted the waters of the Jordan which have also caused a decreased flow into the Dead Sea. But the difference is that Israel has publicly and consistently declared its readiness to discuss mutual development of the Jordan

River and its tributaries with its next-door neighbour.

The Hashemite regime, however, has preferred to assert unilateral control over as much of the waters as it can, just as it attempts to assert its dominance over the Dead Sea by opposing the Med Sea-Dead Sea project.

Israel, for its part, has installed a number of new seismographs along its side of the Dead Sea. Jordan has not. Thus, Israel is attempting to anticipate earth tremors, while Jordan confines itself to inflammatory and irresponsible charges. If Jordan were truly concerned about possible tremors, it should at least have installed seismographs on its side.

As co-guardian of the Dead Sea, Jordan can be faulted for not replenishing its waters. In fact, Jordan has proposed just such a replenishment — the Red Sea-Dead Sea Canal. According to this plan, water would be pumped from the Gulf of Akaba up to Gharad, 85km north, with a system of reservoirs which would flow via gravity to the Dead Sea. Along the way, four hydro-power plants would be operated.

IF JORDAN can propose building the Red Sea-Dead Sea canal, why should Israel not propose building a Med Sea-Dead Sea canal.

It seems to be a matter of who starts first. At one point, Jordan was reportedly aiming for completion in the 1980s, well before Israel's anticipated completion date in the 1990s.

Fortunately for Israel, financial pressures and technical restraints have apparently dampened Jordanian prospects. Be that as it may, by proposing such a canal, Jordan not only acknowledged the value of replenishing the Dead Sea (as Israel does), but also clearly recognized that the "problems" of water mixing, burial of religious sites and earthquakes were inconsequential.

Jordan, in fact, has indicated that the power of its Red Sea-Dead Sea canal could be expanded, depending only on the "final level of the Dead Sea." But Jordan does not indicate what level it would have stopped. Israel does. How much of the Israeli side would Jordan have been willing to flood?

Jordan's lack of precision, along with its financial and technical inability to get the proposed project off the ground did not prevent it from using the idea of a proposal as a source of international blackmail: "Jordan will not put this project

into effect unless the world community fails to take appropriate action and halt the construction of the (Israel) canal" the Jordanian representative told the UN general assembly on February 2 last year.

If allowed to go unanswered, Jordan's attack against Israel's canal project will gain strength. At the same time, every country interested in promoting harmonious relations among nations will also suffer, just as will everyone interested in developing oil-free energy.

TO COUNTERACT the Jordanian/Arab propaganda campaign, a well-orchestrated and imaginative public relations campaign is essential — a psychological counter-offensive that would systematically answer the Arab charges.

Every time Jordan complains about Israel's Med Sea-Dead Sea project, one can simply recall Jordan's Red Sea-Dead Sea proposal as evidence that Jordan subscribes to the very same concept.

Every time Egypt contends that Israel is obstructing the "favourable atmosphere for the peace momentum," as it has in this case, one can simply recall the Egyptian-proposed "Mediterranean-Western Desert Conduit," another Arab equivalent to Israel's canal proposals. One can also recall the fact that Israel provided advice to the Egyptian planners.

Having signed a formal peace treaty with Israel, for which Israel gave up the entire Sinai, Egypt can no longer behave as if it enjoyed "beligerent rights."

Every time Saudi Arabia adopts a position of "righteous indignation," one can recall the Persian Gulf-Dawhat Salwah Depression project, the Saudis are contemplating, yet another Arab equivalent to Israel's canal project.

Said the U.S. representative to the UN regarding the Med Sea-Dead Sea project:

"It was wholly inappropriate to call on the Security Council to consider an issue that presented no threat to international peace and security...The (UN) committee's consideration (of the project) could have been a perfect opportunity for reasonable consultations among reasonable people and countries; and for calling on the parties directly concerned to meet, consult and reconcile their differences."

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AUSTRALIAN JEWRY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Dvora Waysman's article of December 30 on anti-Zionist activities in Australia is a call to the "complacent...politically naive (and) smugly isolated" Jewish community there to stop "mouthing platitudes" and learn the frightening lesson that PLO terrorism can reach Down Under.

As one who has some contact with *hasbara* and PR activities in Sydney, I take issue with the claim that Australian Jews do not know of the matters she presented. For example, the N.S.W. Jewish Board of Deputies runs an extremely busy "speaker service" to Jewish and non-Jewish groups, providing speakers on precisely this topic — and on other topics of Zionist and Jewish interest — at a rate of two or three per week throughout the year. All State Boards of Deputies, the (federal) Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the State Zionist Councils, Australia/Israel Publications and the various Jewish newspapers — not to mention the Israel Consulate itself — devote considerable efforts to informing the Jewish and non-Jewish communities of the growing menace and influence of pro-PLO and anti-Zionist/Semitic individuals and organizations.

We would certainly be complacent if we felt we were doing enough. We do not. We would indeed be smug if we felt we could not do better. We undoubtedly could. But to imply that we are living in blissful ignorance is far from accurate.

Ms. Waysman neglected to mention that (with the exception of her comments on the Jewish community) her article was abstracted from a publication of the Department of Information of the WZO entitled "Anti-Zionism in Australia — 1982." This, in turn, was compiled from material supplied by Jewish community organizations in Australia: proof that we are not entirely in ignorant of our local situation.

Incidentally, Ms. Waysman is not always accurate in her summary of that publication. The United Palestinian Workers, the Arab Information Bureau, etc., have not centralized their activities "under the innocent name of the Food Preservers Union"; they have their offices in the building of that trade union, which is genuine (but not so innocent). Not all Arabic newspapers promote anti-Zionist and pro-PLO propaganda. And Labour Party leader Hayden did not make a statement "to the effect that" Menachem Begin is the world's greatest threat to peace: he said

precisely that — in words which, used by a possible prime minister about the PM of a friendly nation, sent a chill through the hearts of the Australian Jewish community.

Nevertheless, bombs were exploded in Sydney. Our knowledge of the growing PLO threat did not prevent that from happening. It is little consolation to us that, in the capital cities of Europe, where the lesson of the PLO was long since learnt, such attacks can still take place, often with tragic success.

G. DE VAHL DAVIS
Haifa (Sydney).

THE EXCLUSIVITY OF THE HOLOCAUST

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As a member of the International Council of Yad Vashem, I participated in a recent discussion at a meeting of the Council in Jerusalem. Among the participants was Nili Keren, a teacher and researcher of the Holocaust. Mrs. Keren was interrupted when she cited an incident in the Arab village Hahoul, where police humiliated some citizens. Nili Keren did not finish her speech. Afterwards, she was interviewed by the press and television, and complained that freedom of speech does not exist any more in the Yad Vashem Council.

Nili Keren, like so many other young Israelis, apparently does not sufficiently understand the exclusivity of the Holocaust, which cannot be compared to any other

catastrophe in history. Many Israelis, who are guided by good intentions, purity of outlook, moral values, a desire for social justice and equality for all people, feel obliged to seek a parallel between what is happening around us in our society, and what the Nazis did to us.

This approach is very dangerous. It dwarfs the Holocaust — this national and human tragedy which cannot be comprehended, neither logically nor emotionally — and may lead to forgetting it and including it in other catastrophes which have befallen the people of Israel at various periods. It also seems to justify the endeavour of other people, and especially the Germans, to free themselves of their exclusive responsibility for the annihilation of a third of our people.

ARIEH BEN-TOV
Tel Aviv.

FAULTY JUDGMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The assistant director of the Institute of Strategic Studies, Tat-Aluf (Res.) Aryeh Shalev, published a book whose main theme is an analysis of a future attack on Israel from the eastern front, through Judea and Samaria (the "West Bank" as he calls it). The Jerusalem Post, as well as radio and television, awarded the book extensive coverage.

Mr. Shalev's predictions should be put in the proper perspective. On the eve of the Yom Kippur War, Mr. Shalev was Research Chief in Military Intelligence. The function of this department is to predict the enemy's moves according to information submitted by the information-gathering branch. The Agranat Commission found Mr. Shalev culpable of not foreseeing the war and regarded him as one of the chief bearers of responsibility for misleading recommendations regarding a "low probability" of an attack by Egypt and Syria.

book is so widely publicized (well beyond the average treatment accorded new books), no one properly mentions that the author has already erred once, fatally, in his predictions.

YISRAEL HAREL,
Secretary General,
The Council of Jewish Cities
and Settlements in Judea,
Samaria and Gaza

Ofra.

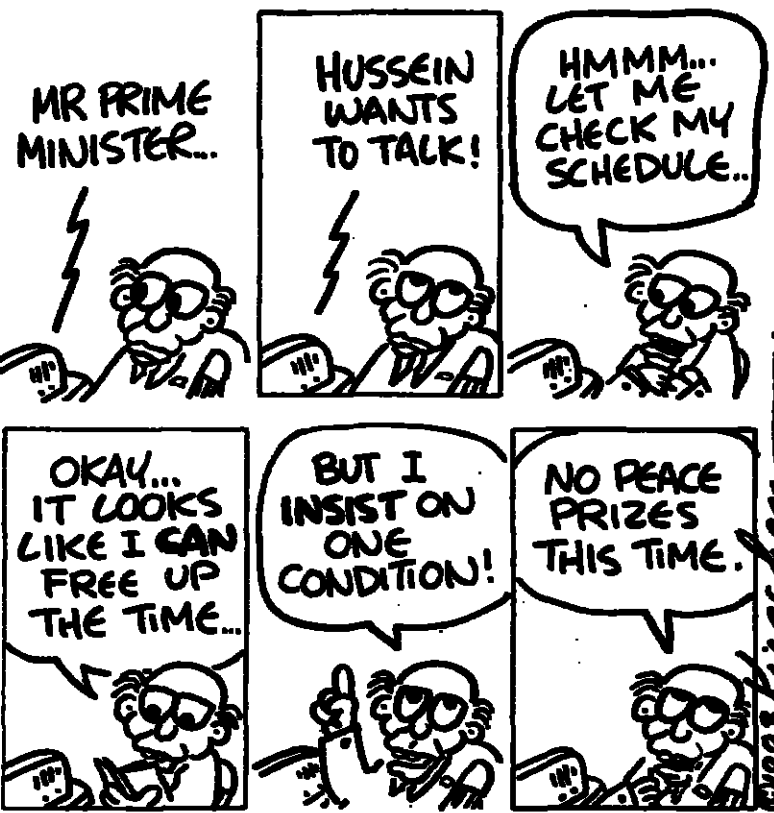
REFRESHING COMMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Thank you for printing the opinion piece, "Considerable achievements" (December 23), by Smoky Simon.

This was the first objective political comment I have read in The Jerusalem Post in a very long time. It was refreshing and surprising to read something pro-Israel in The Post.

MICHAEL FEINGOLD
Jerusalem.

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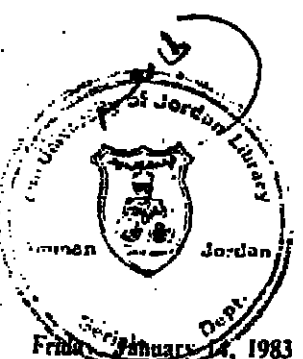
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Maccabi storm back 84-80

Post Sports Staff
Maccabi Tel Aviv defeated CSKA Moscow 84-80 last night in their second European Cup match in Brussels, in a game as good as it was nerve-racking.
The Maccabi team did not even resemble the squad that was defeated so ignominiously by the Russians the night before. From the opening whistle, it was abundantly clear that this was a "side transformed," with every player clearly committed to wiping out the memory of the previous night's feeble effort. They fought for every ball, both on defence and attack, and marked with such ferocity that the Russians lost their cool — just as Maccabi had done the night before.
In fact, so strong was the marking that the bright Northern star in the Moscow firmament, Anatole Mishkin, was forced to wander from side to side, looking for openings, and was confined to scoring a mere 19 points — negligible for him. He also committed five fouls.
Tarakanov provided Maccabi with their greatest headache, his stream of long-range baskets yielding 25 points. But even he was forced out of the picture in the crucial final stages. Although the Russians managed to draw level on three occasions in the second half, Maccabi always pulled ahead.
Earl Williams, his body glistening with sweat from the intensity of his efforts, both on attack and defence — he was not off the court for one moment, for the second night running — was again the most brilliant player in the Maccabi squad. He scored 25 points and caught a welter of rebounds.
Lou Silver was quietly confident and picked up 18 points. Alucie Perry, apart from scoring 15 points, some at most critical moments, was largely responsible for neutralising Mishkin.
Jack Zimmerman, who took over as playmaker in place of Motti Aroesti in the second half, gave a very cool, polished and professional performance, especially in the final crises. Mickey Berkowitz, who started off badly, showed great reserves of character in overcoming his bad form, and, in the final stages, played an invaluable role.
Coach Ralph Klein again made no use of his reserves, but his policy was vindicated by the result.
The European Champions, Fort Hare, took a giant stride towards regaining the trophy when they unexpectedly beat Real Madrid in Spain last night 79-77. They are now the only team in the finals. Maccabi play them next Thursday in Italy in what may be a decisive game in determining who will reach the final.



Prime Minister Menachem Begin at his office yesterday with U.S. special envoy Philip Habib (Scoop 80).

Begin, Habib talks devoted to Israel-Lebanon parleys

Jerusalem Post Staff
Yesterday's 80-minute meeting between Prime Minister Menachem Begin and U.S. special envoy Philip Habib was apparently devoted to the on-going talks between Israel and Lebanon. The forthcoming visit of Begin to the U.S. was not discussed and the two men did not talk about Israel-U.S. relations, it is learned.
Following the meeting, the prime minister's media adviser, Uri Porat, issued the following statement: "The prime minister met this morning with Ambassadors Philip Habib and Samuel Lewis in his office. A discussion was held and Ambassador Habib brought the prime minister a friendly letter from President Reagan." In answer to a question, Porat confirmed that a date for Begin's visit to the U.S. has not yet been set.
Habib, who stayed in Jerusalem last night, was expected to go on to Beirut. He is not scheduled to visit Damascus in the near future. It is assumed in Jerusalem that the question of the withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon will be handled directly between Beirut and Damascus, and that of the PLO withdrawal, between the Lebanese government and the PLO.

Israel, Lebanon reach accord on talks agenda

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
KIRYAT SHMONA. — The agenda for the Israel-Lebanon talks was finally agreed upon yesterday during the sixth round of the negotiations in Kiryat Shmona. This is the first sign of forward movement since the talks began three weeks ago.
Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche announced the agreement on the agenda at 1:30 p.m. It covers: 1) termination of the state of war; 2) security arrangements; and 3) framework for mutual relations. This includes such issues as liaison; ending hostile propaganda; the movement of goods, products and persons; communications; a programme of complete withdrawals; conditions for Israeli withdrawal within the context of the evacuation of all foreign forces; and possible guarantees.
A note appended to the agenda states that "the agenda has incorporated the subjects proposed by the delegations of Israel and Lebanon. All agree to address the items on the agenda open-mindedly, without commitment to the outcome of the negotiations. Each delegation may raise subjects additional to those on the agenda."
A note of optimism was sounded early in the day when the three delegations — Israeli, Lebanese and American — arrived at the conference hall in the morning. The refusal of the heads of the delegations to answer reporters' questions indicated that progress was being made. "If they refuse to talk, it means that an arrangement is not far off," said Ibrahim Hall, the chief announcer of Radio Free Lebanon.
The talks began yesterday morning as formal negotiations dealing primarily with the proposal made by the chief of the American team last week in Kiryat Shmona. An hour later, it was decided to go over to informal negotiations between the heads of delegations. During these informal talks, which lasted for about 30 minutes, the Israeli and Lebanese delegations heads contacted their capitals and shortly afterwards, at 1:30 p.m., Kimche reported the agreement on the agenda to the waiting journalists.
After Kimche's statement, the delegations gathered for lunch at the Zafon Hotel in Kiryat Shmona. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Heth retracts stock exchange resignation

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU
Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Dr. Meir Heth, chairman of the board of directors of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, last night withdrew his resignation after far-reaching decisions were adopted by the board.
The decisions are aimed at correcting what Heth publicly stated are major deficiencies in the criteria for approving requests by new companies to register their shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, stricter supervision of the management and operation of mutual funds and the activities of portfolio managers.
Yosef Nitzani, general manager of the exchange, confirmed to *The Jerusalem Post* that Heth was unanimously supported by the members of the board in his demands for applying stricter criteria.
At the same meeting, the board decided to keep intact "continuous trading," which will eventually replace the current "auction system." The present system, says Heth, lends itself to manipulation.
In order to implement the board's decisions, three sub-committees have been created. One will deal with tightening the criteria that apply to companies seeking registration on the exchange.
A second committee will set guidelines for the management of mutual funds and define the role of the funds' trustees. Guidelines will also be drawn up to cover the actions of portfolio managers, and steps will be taken to draft legislation aimed at licensing portfolio managers.
A third committee will examine the possibility of dividing securities into two separate lists. The criteria for listing will be size, past performance, the nature of the company's activities as well as the relative risk involved in investing in the company's shares.
If the recommendation for dividing the shares into two separate categories is adopted, Tel Aviv will follow the U.S. example of having two exchanges, namely — the New York Stock Exchange and the American Stock Exchange.
In advance of the meeting, the share market experienced a sharp drop, with 124 securities falling by margins of 5 per cent and more. It was one of the most active trading sessions in the history of the exchange. (See interview page 6)

Levinger, Kahane groups fight in Hebron

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Who are the more ardent Jewish settlers — a handful of followers of Kach leader Rabbi Meir Kahane who are encamped in some shacks and tents on a windswept hill near Kiryat Arba, or Rabbi Meir Levinger, the founder of the renewed Jewish presence in Hebron, who together with some other families has implanted himself in the heart of that Arab town in order to restore the Jewish quarter in the City of the Patriarchs?
A feud between the two far-right groups resulted in violence yesterday when about 30 Kach people broke into Levinger's home next to the Avraham Avinu synagogue in Hebron. They are demanding that their "settlement," El Nakam ("God Avenges") receive the same support and services that Levinger's community receives from the Kiryat Arba local council.
El Nakam was established on a bleak hill behind Kiryat Arba to commemorate Eli Haze'ev, a Kach supporter who was killed by terrorists in an attack on Beit Hadassah in Hebron three years ago. It has not been authorised by any government agency dealing with settlement and receives water and electricity from the Israel Defence Forces. Four families with 14 children live in dilapidated shacks and some tents and are clearly suffering from the onslaughts of winter.
According to both military and other sources who were present, Levinger's wife, Miriam, kicked one of the El Nakam settlers and pulled at the hair of one of the women. Much of the shouting match between the groups was in New York English.
The El Nakam settlers contend that Levinger controls the Kiryat Arba local council and is opposed to their settlement because it interferes with his fund-raising activities, particularly in New York.
The Kiryat Arba council maintains that El Nakam is merely a suburb of the Kirya and not a separate settlement, and hence its members have to be approved by a (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

Istanbul flight up in air as El Al pilots stand pat

By MICHAEL YUDEMANN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — It was unclear last night whether El Al's pilots will operate the flight to Istanbul scheduled to leave at 8:40 this morning or refuse to report to work. If they stay away, the pilots risk being dismissed without severance pay.
A Maof airplane was reportedly put on standby if El Al requires the services of another airline for this flight.
Representatives of El Al's pilots and the Histadrut late last night made a last-ditch effort to bridge the gap between them over the new El Al work agreement and to enable today's flight and future flights to take off.
The pilots reiterated yesterday that they will not return to work until they reach a separate work agreement with the management. The court authorized the temporary receiver on Wednesday to operate El Al's flights with other pilots if necessary and fire any pilot who refuses to come to work.
But Histadrut representatives sounded more optimistic before last night's meeting. Dan Schwartzbard, who holds El Al's portfolio in the Histadrut, said that during yesterday morning's consultations it was agreed that the Israel Pilots' Union represent the pilots in matters concerning them in the work agreement.
"I hope we can reach a compromise. There are only a few more points to settle," he said.

Ministry pays for TV film it won't use

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Education and Culture Ministry has spent about \$400,000 to help produce a series of experimental television films on Judaism that may never appear on the home TV screen. The group that produced them, however — Geshur Educational Affiliates — is selling the films for closed-circuit educational use, with the state not receiving one agora of the proceeds. Educational TV has no plans to use the films.
The contract made four years ago between Geshur and the ministry called for Geshur to produce a TV series on Judaism aimed at young people modelled on the American *Sesame Street*, with the estimated \$1 million cost to be borne equally by both parties. During the first stage of production, the *Sesame Street* format was dropped as inappropriate, and the entire project was scaled down.
The ministry stopped funding the project last year, and another \$200,000 was put into the project by the Jewish Agency's Joint Programme for Jewish Education and from private donations abroad.
Three years and \$600,000 after the project was launched, the films on themes such as prayer and the Shabbat were ready; four 10-minute documentaries and four 4-7-minute animated cartoons. An elaborate research project to test viewer reaction in closed-circuit screenings was carried out early last year.
The director of the TV project at Geshur, Dr. Yehuda Wurtzel, told *The Post* that the films, intended for both Israeli and American Jewish audiences, have been favourably received by educators and information-media experts. He said they would be offered for sale in several weeks to educational institutions mainly for use as "trigger films" to stimulate discussions about the role of Judaism in modern life. They could also be used as segments in longer programmes for broadcast, he said.
Another Geshur source said that the films had enabled Geshur to get funds from foundations abroad to produce half-hour animated programmes on Hanukkah, Pessah and the High Holy Days.
Wurtzel said that Geshur's aim is to build on the experience provided by the production of the eight films to develop something like the Children's Television Workshop, which produced *Sesame Street* and other programmes. He said that Geshur is also working on a documentary series on Zionism called *Or Lagoyim* ("A Light Unto the Nations").
The comptroller's report criticized the ministry for failing to insure in the contract that the state would benefit from the commercial (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

U.S. welcomes agreement, hopes for exit of all forces

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The Reagan administration yesterday welcomed the long-delayed Israeli-Lebanese agreement on an agenda for the troop-withdrawal negotiations.
"We are encouraged by reports that the negotiators' efforts have been successful, and that an agenda has finally been agreed to by the negotiators," State Department spokesman John Hughes said. "This is clearly a step forward."
Hughes noted the U.S. "conviction that the negotiation can, and must, now move quickly forward toward an agreement leading to the rapid withdrawal from Lebanon of all external forces."
There was no reference in the official U.S. statement to the other agreed elements of the new agenda — namely, the accompanying need for adequate security arrangements for Israel and the future relationship between Israel and Lebanon. In recent weeks, senior American officials have stressed the need only for the troop pullback.
A White House spokesman, Mort Allen, said again yesterday that no date has been set for Prime Minister Menachem Begin's visit to Washington for re-scheduled talks with President Ronald Reagan. Those talks were postponed in December because of Aliza Begin's death.
When asked why the date has not been worked out, Allen cited "mutually busy schedules." Asked whether the reports suggesting that the president is deliberately stalling in concluding the arrangements were "infantile gossip" — as described by an Israeli official on Wednesday — the White House spokesman said he preferred not to be associated with that description.
"Early this year," was all he would say when pressed to predict when the Reagan-Begin summit actually might take place. "That's about all I can say now."

Police catch murder suspect

By ISRAEL AMRANI
Jerusalem Post Reporter
An anti-terror squad armed with Uzzi submachine guns early yesterday morning captured one of Israel's most wanted fugitives who is suspected of involvement in the murder of Ranit Detention Centre warden Roni Nitzan 13 months ago.
Amnon David, 25, who disappeared shortly after the murder, was captured sleeping in his flat in Rishon LeZion following painstaking intelligence work by a special team.
The police used an anti-terror unit in the capture because it was feared he might be armed.
He was finally spotted on Wednesday night when he was taking laundry off the line on the balcony of his flat. Police discovered that David's brother had registered a flat with utility companies but lived with his parents.
Nitzan was murdered in December, 1981, allegedly by two persons who fired 22 submachine gun bullets into his body when he was leaving for work. The police are now holding all five persons believed to be involved. One of them is Herzl Avitan, who was extradited from France four months ago.
Soldiers unharmed
Jerusalem Post Reporter
METULLA. — An IDF jeep was fired on with light weapons and rocket-propelled grenades on Wednesday night near Kfar Sil, south of Beirut. None of the soldiers in the jeep was hit.
One Lebanese was killed and several were wounded when a booby-trapped car exploded yesterday afternoon three kilometres south of Beirut.

Talks agreement averted walkout by Lebanese

BEIRUT (AP). — The agreement reached on an agenda in yesterday's session of the Israel-Lebanon peace negotiations has averted a walkout by the Lebanese delegation, Lebanese officials disclosed yesterday.
Lebanese President Amin Jemayel had instructed his delegates to walk out if Israel turned down the American-proposed compromise agenda at the Kiryat Shmona meeting, the officials said.
They said that the Jemayel government was pleased with the agenda because it ignored the term "normalization of relations" that Israel had previously demanded be the top agenda item.
Another cause for Lebanese satisfaction was the stipulation that agenda items are not binding in advance on the negotiating parties, the officials said.
The officials refused to reveal any details of a withdrawal plan to be submitted by the Lebanese side during the next session in Haifa, south of Beirut, on Monday. But they said that it would include a timetable and that Lebanon would declare itself ready to negotiate the required security arrangements to facilitate an Israel Defence Forces withdrawal from Lebanon.
Lebanon will pledge to negotiate a withdrawal of PLO forces from northern and eastern Lebanon before the IDF pullout from the central mountains and southern Lebanon gets under way, the officials said.
The Lebanese side will also serve notice that it will negotiate separately with Syria to withdraw its troops from eastern and northern Lebanon simultaneously with the Israeli withdrawal, they said.
The Lebanese government was reported yesterday to have complained to the U.S. about Israel's construction of sophisticated early-warning radar systems and telecommunications monitoring stations at an outpost on the central Lebanese Barouk mountain. The Lebanese Central News Agency said the complaint was communicated through the U.S. embassy in Beirut and American special envoy Morris Draper.

Danny Chamoun visits Haddad in S. Lebanon

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
METULLA. — Danny Chamoun, son of former Lebanese president Camille Chamoun, on Wednesday night met South Lebanese militia leader Major Sa'ad Haddad in Marjayoun. Chamoun also met Christian notables in Klea and expressed to them his hope for cooperation between the residents of South Lebanon and the rest of the country.
One Lebanese was killed and several were wounded when a booby-trapped car exploded yesterday afternoon three kilometres south of Beirut.
It was the first time that a member of the Chamoun family has visited South Lebanon. During Operation Peace for Galilee, Haddad met Chamoun family members in Beirut.
Defence Minister Ariel Sharon talked with Haddad yesterday in Marjayoun. After their meeting, Sharon told reporters that "whatever peace agreement is arrived at, there will certainly be a role for Haddad and his men."
He said that Israel does not abandon its friends "and Haddad is a trustworthy friend of Israel."

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Outlook for Sabbath: Partly cloudy, occasional rain

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Golan	50	4-8	8
Nahariya	54	4-17	15
Safed	60	2-5	8
Tiberias	—	—	—
Nazareth	52	4-11	10
Afula	48	1-15	15
Shomron	49	4-11	10
Tel Aviv	41	6-17	16
B-G Airport	41	4-16	15
Jericho	44	4-18	17
Gaza	57	5-14	14
Beer Sheva	42	3-15	14
Eilat	30	8-20	19

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

MK Amnon Rubinstein will speak on "Israel after the Lebanon War," at the Haifa Engineers' Club, 1 p.m. today. Table reservations by phone, 674583.

The Vegetable Marketing Board has elected Simha Ofer as its managing director. He succeeds Avraham Var-On, who was killed in a road accident last month.

ACCORD

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When glasses were raised to toast the agreement on the end, the head of the Lebanese delegation, Antoine Fattal, made a more restrained statement, saying: "I'll raise my glass when the talks conclude."

In the afternoon session, the parties started discussing the first item on the agenda. They also discussed how to deal simultaneously with the other agenda items in future meetings.

Even before Kimche's announcement, Lebanese journalists covering the talks sounded optimistic in their stories sent to Beirut.

Another first yesterday was when the spokesman of the Lebanese delegation gave the press a briefing in the name of both the Lebanese and Israeli delegations.

Speaking to journalists later yesterday at Kiryat Shmona, Defence Minister Ariel Sharon said: "I am happy that subjects we discussed for many weeks in secret negotiations were accepted overtly today. It is not easy to make the transition from secret negotiations to open negotiations, but the fact is that we have succeeded."

"I see this as a first step towards discussion of the details and the essence of the sections. My assessment is that we shall arrive at an agreement that will give the two countries — Israel and Lebanon — security and normalization, which is a primary component of security."

"And this will definitely bring peace in the future, and, I believe, sooner than can be discerned," Sharon said.

The defence minister added that he had visited Israeli troops in Lebanon yesterday and told them that if we reached the first stage today and reach the following stages, this is undoubtedly thanks to their perseverance in the mud, the rain and the snow.

"They are bearing up extraordinarily," he said, and therefore he thought that Israel will achieve its aims.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir said that Israel did not drag its feet during the talks. He praised the U.S. role in the negotiations.

Lebanese driver fined

ACRE. — Ten minutes after driving his car into Israel at Rosh Hanikra on Wednesday Hail Abu Amer, 29, of Hasbaya in South Lebanon, was arrested for speeding. He was promptly taken before an Acre magistrate court judge, who fined him 152,000. Abu Amer was driving at 73 kilometres an hour, 23 kph above the legal speed limit.

HOME NEWS

Labour says 'yes' to Histadrut in West Bank

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL-AVIV. — Amid pandemonium, the Labour Party political bureau yesterday gave the Histadrut construction companies the green light to continue operating in Judea and Samaria. The session was described as the stormiest since just before the 1981 Knesset elections.

Speakers shouted at each other, personal insults were traded and tempers erupted during the three-and-a-half-hour debate. Throughout the turmoil, party chairman Shimon Peres and former premier Yitzhak Rabin remained silent.

Workers from the Solel Boneh and Yuval Gad firms, whose jobs may have been at stake, showed up for the debate and the commotion could be heard outside in the corridors at party headquarters.

But finally, the "doves," who

demand an end to Histadrut involvement in the development of Judea and Samaria settlements, were roundly defeated. The resolution, adopted by acclamation, stipulates that the Histadrut will not invest in plants in areas of dense Arab population, but that economic considerations and the desire to prevent unemployment have made it necessary for the Histadrut to accept work in all parts of the country, as well as outside the country.

In one of the surprise exchanges during the debate, Koor director-general Yeshayahu Gavish defended the majority view by arguing that Hevrat Ovdim, the Histadrut holding company, would face government retribution and would be hurt if it did not accept contracts in Judea and Samaria.

But Koor board chairman MK Naftali Blumenthal maintained that

"Hevrat Ovdim can survive without building in areas densely populated by Arabs. The amount of work we do there is too small to really be decisive for us. We must base our decision on ideology or we will keep on capitulating."

MK Yossi Sarid contended that the Histadrut was doing the Likud's bidding: "The Likud must be very happy indeed to see us implementing their policies," he said. "There is a total contradiction between what this party preaches and what it does. We advocate territorial compromise, but with our own hands we are destroying any chance of such a policy."

"If employment is our supreme value," he said, "then we are purifying this government's filth."

Angry retorts were quick to follow. Histadrut organization division head Gideon Ben-Yisrael said "Sarid's proposal is tantamount to

just withdrawing from this country altogether. If Labour follows Sarid's advice, it will disappear as a viable party." MK Dov Ben-Meir argued that "the Likud government happens to be the legitimate government of this country and it has the right to build." And former minister Yisrael Galili accused Sarid of "seeking personal publicity rather than being concerned about real ideology."

Sarid countered that he remembered how Galili had "misled the whole nation about the founding of Yanit on the eve of the Yom Kippur War."

Yesterday's political bureau debate is not the last Labour Party deliberation on the issue. Some 100 members of the central committee have asked that it be convened to discuss the question. Among them are MKs Abba Eban, Ora Namir, Ya'acov Gili, Uzi Baram and Sarid.

Three killed, four hurt in collision

AFULA (Itim). — Three persons were killed when two cars collided head on, on the long straight stretch of the Afula-Hadera road Wednesday night.

The dead are: Daniel Lalom, 21, of Bnei Brak; Itamar Levy, 20, of Ra'anana, and Yisrael Ramon, 20 of Kfar Hassidim.

The car in which they were riding swerved leftwards suddenly, colliding with another car coming in the opposite direction. The three, all students at the Ma'ayan yeshiva in Beersheba, were on the way to an engagement party in Beit She'an. In the car with them were two other young men, who were injured lightly. One of them is Avraham Bloks, 18, who was driving.

In the other car was a married couple from Hadera. The husband, Yoram Torem, 27, who was driving, was injured slightly. His wife, who is pregnant, was taken to Rambam Hospital in Haifa with injuries to her jaw.

MINISTRY

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use of the films outside of ETV or from the sale of subsequent productions based on the original experiment.

A ministry official on the board of Gasher, Dr. Daniel Tropper, said that the project should be viewed as a significant research and development effort to find out how Judaism can be conveyed through TV, and not as a narrow transaction with a specific return in view. He said that whatever profits would be made on the sale of the original eight films or any others are supposed to be reinvested.

Tropper is the founder of Gasher and now serves as the head of the ministry unit for the intensification of Jewish education.

The results of the viewer-reaction research produced some surprises for the project's developers. The main one was that the emotional reactions to the films made it impossible either to validate or refute the "educational strategy" of the project, namely that Judaism could be presented through the TV medium as being of significance for secular people.

Another result was that a high percentage of viewers failed to understand the message of the films, yet were eager to have them shown on TV.

The results also led Gasher to drop the idea of showing the shorter segments as "filler" before the nightly TV news. This was because the viewers perceived this either as "cheapening" Judaism by pushing it in what seemed to be a commercial format, or as an attempt at a "missionary" hard sell. Both of these reactions went against the Gasher "soft-sell" approach that tries to break down secular stereotypes of traditional Judaism.

Police to probe 'unreliable' testimony in Marcus case

By ISRAEL AMRANI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police Inspector-General Ray-Nitzav Arye Ivzani will probably fire Sgan-Nitzav Uzi Navot, whose testimony in the Shaul Marcus trial was termed "excessively unreliable" by the Supreme Court on Wednesday, a senior police source told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

But Ivzani told a news conference yesterday that Navot's fate will be decided only after a thorough review of Marcus' acquittal that he plans to hold soon with Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir. The review will also help to "draw other conclusions," Ivzani said.

Navot's testimony in the Jerusalem District Court last year led to Marcus' conviction on perjury charges. Marcus had headed the police investigation of Amos Baranes, who was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Rabel Heller in Caesaria nine years ago.

Navot's testimony as a state witness cast a deep shadow over the police investigation of Baranes, and disqualified the testimonies of five other police officers, leading to the suspension of three of them.

The Supreme Court's unanimous



David Rivlin, head of the Foreign Ministry's cultural ties department (left), Jacques Boutet, his counterpart in the French Foreign Ministry (centre), and France's Ambassador to Israel, Jacques Dupont, celebrate the signing of a cultural-exchange agreement in Jerusalem yesterday. The agreement, described by Rivlin as the most comprehensive ever signed between the two countries, ends the freeze imposed by French President Francois Mitterrand in protest against the Israeli action in Lebanon. (Scoop 80)

UN chief to intercede for Shcharansky

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — President Yitzhak Navon yesterday asked UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to persuade the Soviet authorities to permit Prisoner of Zion Anatoly Shcharansky's mother and brother to see him. (See story page 2)

Meeting with Perez at the UN here, Navon said that Shcharansky has been on a hunger strike since Yom Kippur, because the

authorities have banned relatives' visits and letters to him, and that they are force-feeding him every three days. The UN head said he will appeal to the Soviets.

Speaking with reporters about his 10-day U.S. visit, Navon expressed the hope that the UN secretary-general will be objective and helpful in Middle East matters.

Navon told reporters that he did not feel any sense of "threat" against Israel among the U.S. administration officials, but they ex-

pressed a desire for "momentum."

The highlight of his tour apart from his conversation with President Ronald Reagan at the White House, was last Sunday's meeting with 1,500 American Jews registered for aliyah, Navon said. He did not hold a mass meeting for yordim because the Israel consulate here advised against it, saying that it would give them legitimacy.

At the UN, Navon also spoke with Egyptian ambassador Abdul Maguib.

Wolf agriculture winner named

HERZLIYA. — The Wolf Foundation Prize in Agriculture for 1982 has been awarded to Professor Wendell L. Roelofs of Cornell University, U.S., for research in developing innovative concepts in pest control vital to agriculture, forestry and public health, it was announced this week by the Israel-based Foundation.

Roelofs, 45, is being honoured for his fundamental chemical and biological research on insect pheromones and their applications in pest control. He is professor of insect biochemistry at the Agricultural Experimental Station, Geneva, N.Y., of the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, associated with Cornell University.

Police expert explodes crate of IDF grenades

HAIFA. — A crate of 12 Israel Defence Forces grenades, was blown up by a police demolition expert yesterday after being found on the side of the new Haifa-Tel Aviv coastal road near Afula. The road was closed for a short time after a passing motorist spotted the crate. A police spokeswoman said details of the incident had been passed to the IDF.

Lebanon-wishes expanded UNIFIL role

By LEON HADAR
Post New York Correspondent

UNITED NATIONS. — UN sources reported yesterday that Lebanon has told the Security Council that it is interested in enlarging the role of the UN peacekeeping forces. The issue will be discussed by the council on Tuesday as the current three-month UNIFIL mandate expires next Thursday.

According to the sources, Lebanon wishes UNIFIL to help the government assert its sovereignty throughout the country. Beirut suggests, however, that the plan not be implemented until all foreign forces agree to withdraw.

IDF sets up Ansar appeals committee

By MENACHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — A number of Palestinian prisoners have recently been released from the Ansar camp in South Lebanon, following the recommendation of a special appeals committee, recently established by the Israel Defence Forces.

The committee, which consists of three IDF officers, has received requests from thousands of prisoners that their imprisonment be reviewed. Some have contended that their imprisonment is illegal as such. Others said that they did not serve or cooperate with the terrorists.

Assad reiterates rejection of peace plans

DAMASCUS (AP). — President Hafez Assad said Syria is striving to enable the Arab world to achieve parity with Israel and "cope with the enemy's danger."

Assad affirmed Syria's rejection of current peace plans in the Middle East and indicated his willingness to attend an Arab summit conference to map out "collective action."

Assad spoke to visiting directors of Arab news agencies on Wednesday.

Lebanese mission seeks support in Amman

AMMAN (AP). — A five-member Lebanese parliamentary delegation headed by former prime minister Amin Hafez arrived in Amman from Beirut yesterday, seeking Jordan's support for Lebanon in the withdrawal talks with Israel.

This was one of three parliamentary teams Lebanon President Amin Jemayel sent on tours of the Arab world to drum up pan-Arab backing for Lebanon in the negotiations.

Lebanese leftist Druse leader Walid Jumblatt left Riyadh yesterday after four days of talks with officials on a possible Saudi role in securing an Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon and maintaining peace there.

LEVINGER, KAHANE

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Kiryat Arba committee, like other prospective settlers in the community.

Soon after the scuffle broke out, the local military commander arrived with a squad of soldiers and declared the area closed except to its residents. The Kach settlers replied that they were not bent on a conflict with the IDF and they left the Levinger home voluntarily. They warned, however, that if their demands are not met, they will escalate their protests.

This is the first time that violence between groups of Jewish settlers in Judea and Samaria has been reported. In Dahariya, south of Hebron, the civil administration has declared 20,000 dunam "state lands" and has given the local Arab villagers who claim ownership 21 days to appeal to a military advisory board. As yet no settlements are planned for the area, but it is part of a land reserve the government is building up in the vicinity of the pre-67 Day War "Green Line."

Arafat says Kremlin OKs idea of confederation

MOSCOW (Reuters). — PLO chief Yasser Arafat said yesterday that the Kremlin approves the idea of a confederation between an Arab state in former Western Palestine and Jordan.

He told a news conference after talks with Communist Party leader Yuri Andropov and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko he had been assured of continued Soviet backing for his organization.

Arafat arrived in Moscow after two days of talks in Jordan with King Hussein on ways to a Middle East settlement, including the possibility of a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation.

Asked if Moscow backed what the PLO sought in its talks with Jordan, Arafat said Soviet leaders told him they will assent to anything that the Palestinian people themselves accept. This would include a possible confederation between an independent Palestinian state and Jordan, Arafat said.

He said he briefed the Soviet leaders on his Jordan talks and on the Palestinian and Jordanian view that any confederation should be approved by a referendum of both peoples involved.

A dissident member of Arafat's Fatah leadership was quoted yesterday as saying that there is "a widening rift" in the PLO over U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace proposals.

Nimr Saleh, one of four Fatah central committee members who boycotted Arafat's policy meeting in Kuwait last week, told the left-wing Kuwaiti newspaper *al-Wakeel* that Arafat had not fulfilled "a promise he has made since September to publicly reject Reagan's proposals."

Nimr called for ridding the PLO of "opportunistic figures" who try to deliver the Palestinian rifle to Jordan's bosom and allow Jordan the opportunity of participating in a settlement over the Palestinian horse.



Arafat and Andropov

Moda'i urges strong stand in face of U.S. pressure

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL-AVIV. — Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i urged yesterday that Israel "adopt a strong posture vis-a-vis American pressures, because control of Judea and Samaria is a vital security need. When our existence is involved, we must not make any concession."

Speaking to the Liberal Party's central committee and council, Moda'i said he foresees "great difficulties in our relations with the Americans on Judea and Samaria. This is the crucial problem facing us, much more than Lebanon."

In spite of the expected differences with the U.S. and all the harsh statements in Washington, he said, "the U.S. will not abandon Israel, because it needs us from the point of view of its global strategic interests."

Moda'i said "the true nature" of President Ronald Reagan's "peace plan" is beginning to emerge. "In order to draw Jordan and unidentified Palestinians into talks, the U.S. is now ready to shrink the autonomy period to a single year, to ban all Jewish settlements and to guarantee a return of 97 per cent of all territories and this is merely by way of a down payment to Hussein."

Hammer promises to keep options open

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday promised leaders of Netivot Shalom (Path of Peace), a new organization of religious Jews, that in the coming elections, the National Religious Party will not commit itself in advance on its future coalition partners, a spokesman for the group said yesterday.

The meeting was the first in a series of talks that Netivot Shalom plans to hold with religiously oriented political leaders.

The spokesman said that Hammer expressed agreement with some of their positions and disagreed with others, but he disagreed. He reportedly agreed, for example, that there are principles that are more important than the inviolability of Eretz Yisrael. But he disagreed with the group's stand in favour of territorial compromise in exchange for a peace agreement.

Effort to head off Ashdod port levy

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Transport Minister Haim Corfu will meet this morning representatives of shipping interests in a last-minute attempt to prevent the levying of a 5 per cent "detention surcharge" on Ashdod harbour, *The Jerusalem Post* learns.

The surcharge is due to be levied by the Israel Chamber of Shipping to partially recompense shipowners for the "hundreds of thousands of dollars" they say have lost as a result of delays caused to ships by the frequent sanctions of different groups of Ashdod port workers. The

chamber has also warned it will increase the surcharge if the sanctions continue.

The levy would lead to Ashdod harbour's being placed on the international shipping blacklist of unreliable ports. This would result in higher freight and insurance charges at Ashdod.

It was learned that Corfu has also invited the Ashdod port manager and the Ports Authority representative to attend the meeting and try to persuade the chamber to postpone the levy for a short time while another effort is made to put labour relations in order.

Lorincz denies reported Aguda split

Jerusalem Post Staff

MK Shlomo Lorincz (Agudat Yisrael) told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that there is "indeed a crisis in the party, but we are not facing a split. Furthermore, no one in the Aguda is talking about leaving the coalition."

Lorincz was reacting to the lead story in the latest edition of the weekly *Hamahane Haharedi*, published by followers of the Belzer rebbe.

Under a headline proclaiming that "The split in Agudat Yisrael is now fact," the paper said that each of the warring sides will function as a separate faction in the Knesset and will follow its own

Council of Tora Sages.

The paper said that the split between the camps of the Aguda's Council of Tora Sages members Rabbi Eliezer Shach and Rabbi Simcha Bunim Alter centres on "fundamental policy" and differing opinions on the division of funds, the party's relationship with the government, its stand on various issues and rotation agreements within the party.

The bitter infighting is based on long-standing personal differences and not on current political questions, observers said. And neither group is keen on giving up the large financial benefits gained in the coalition agreement.

Attorney-general to rule on FIBI deal

The Securities Authority, which has been investigating the nature of the contacts leading up to the United Mizrahi Bank's bid to buy the First International Bank of Israel (FIBI) from the Danot holding company, decided yesterday to let the Attorney-General rule whether

to open legal proceedings.

The Authority noted that Mizrahi had not notified prospective buyers of its new share issue of its intentions to buy FIBI. But the authority also accepted Mizrahi's claim that the first discussion of the purchase on December 14, 1982, was a preliminary conversation only, and did not involve a firm proposal.

Official negotiations on the deal began on December 16, several hours after subscriptions to the new issue closed, the bank contended.

BIG BROTHER

Some 8,000 university students this year are enrolled in the "big brother" programme.

Egypt keeps low profile in Sinai arms deployment

By LORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Egyptians demonstrate a desire for peace by deploying even fewer armaments in Sinai than specified under the Camp David agreements, and the number of military violations is very small, a high-ranking Israeli Defence Forces officer said yesterday.

Speaking during a tour of Negev-located reporters along the international border with Egypt, the officer noted, however, that there have been hundreds of illegal border crossings since last April. In spite of promises to secure the border, Egypt has done too little to stop such crossings, he said.

On the other hand, "what is important — and this is no small achievement — is that an armed Egyptian soldier today face each other without shooting," he said.

"The number of people using the crossing points at Nitzana and Rafah is small; last month, eight persons crossed at Nitzana and 3,000 at Rafah. But this reflects less on the nature of the peace than on the nature of Israeli expectations, he said.

The officer added that it is important for civilians to settle the area and stressed that there are no bunkers along the border — "and that's the way it should be."

As for the 15 points of dispute along the border, some such as the 50-centimetre difference of opinion at Nitzana, are apparently marginal issues. This was difficult to reconcile with the fact that Egyptians had insisted on the division of the city of Rafah, even though Israel was willing to give up its half to avoid dividing families. He added that each of the 400 families that had to be relocated when the IDF built a road along the border had been well compensated and is now housed in a modern new neighbourhood.

Seven hundred refugee families now in Egyptian Rafah will soon be relocated to this area as well.

The relations with the Egyptian soldiers seem cordial, if not outright friendly. For example, there is a continuing good-natured competition revolving around the national flag, with each side trying to put its flag on a higher pole than the other.

There is also the occasional soccer game between rag-tag teams of bored soldiers.

The IDF has improved the working conditions of soldiers serving along the border: they now have new three-tiered outposts, shaped much like pyramids, with an observation post on the top, sleeping quarters in the middle and a kitchen at the bottom.

These units are in use only along the border with Egypt.



On the 15th anniversary of the disappearance of the submarine Dakar, a crowd of comrades-in-arms, relatives and friends gathered at the monument on Mt. Herzl yesterday. The Dakar disappeared without a trace on January 29, 1968 — Tevet 28 on the Jewish calendar, yesterday — while on a training mission between Britain and Israel, and all 69 men aboard are presumed dead.

TA wonders who's dumping the garbage

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Private security guards will be asked to find out who has been dumping garbage recently in the north Tel Aviv Sumeil quarter, the head of the municipal sanitation department, Arye Kremer, said yesterday during a tour of Sumeil.

Municipal inspectors have failed to discover the culprits. Residents

say that trucks arrive almost every night after midnight and unload building debris among the houses. They say they have been complaining to City Hall for months without success.

Kremer promised to have the garbage cleared next Monday, and to put up notices warning against the dumping of garbage. He also promised that engineering administration head Yitzhak Caspi will

take care of the area's sewerage and mud problems.

The Sumeil residents complained to Kremer of the authorities' long neglect of the quarter, which is earmarked for private development. They charged that the private company that owns the land is not trying to find them alternative housing, while, in the meantime, they are being denied permits to renovate their homes. Many of the houses are in danger of collapse.

'Shcharansky may be dead'

PARIS (AP). — The wife of Soviet dissident Anatoly Shcharansky, who has reportedly been on a hunger strike since September 27, said Wednesday she is unsure if her husband is still alive, and that prison authorities are still denying his family access to him.

During a news conference, Avital Shcharansky called on French President Francois Mitterrand "and all men of good faith" to "put an end to this assassination and prevent the tragedy that would be the death of Anatoly Shcharansky."

She said the last word she received about her husband was from his brother, Leonid, who told her by telephone from his home in Jerusalem that the dissident was being forced once every three days by prison officials.

Mrs. Shcharansky said her husband's mother, 75-year-old Ida Milgrom, began a vigil outside the prison walls on January 4. Shcharansky is serving a 13-year prison term for "treason" and "espionage." He was sentenced in the summer of 1978.



Avital Shcharansky

Mrs. Shcharansky told reporters that French presidential adviser Jacques Tadi had agreed to see her, and that she also had requested a meeting with Justice Minister Robert Badinter. She called for an international medical commission to be permitted to visit her husband to determine his state of health.

Murder suspect queries state's witness

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Haim Shushan, on trial for a double-killing linked to drug traffic in Israel, yesterday conducted his own defence in the Tel Aviv District Court and questioned a state's witness, Nahum "Mandu" Klimon.

Shushan is charged with murdering Michel Nahmias and Shulamit Sheli at the instigation of a drug dealer, Shmaya Angel, who is now

in custody. The indictment against Angel said the pair had been murdered to prevent them from falling into the hands of the police and revealing the identity of the drug gang's members.

In reply to a question, Klimon said that he became a state's witness when his detention was extended by 15 days after his arrest in March. "I knew that you and Angel would try to murder me," he told Shushan.

Kahan commission gets final written briefs

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The commission of inquiry into last September's Beirut massacre yesterday received final written briefs from eight of the nine witnesses warned last November that they are liable to be harmed by the commission's findings.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin has informed the commission that his written memorandum submitted

in December constitutes his final argument. On Sunday, the commission will hear final oral arguments in closed session, after which it will begin formulating its conclusions.

WATER RATES. — The Knesset Water Committee yesterday approved a 3 per cent rise in the price of water, following the recent 5 per cent increase in electricity rates.

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By Arkia Boeing 737

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JERUSALEM POST POLL

Likud slips slightly but coalition holds lead

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — The Likud continues to slip in popularity, but it maintains a marked lead over Labour, which appears to have recovered slightly. The coalition, however, is holding the combined position of its constituent parties.

These are some of the findings of the latest Jerusalem Post public opinion poll, conducted by the Mod'In Ezrahi Research Institute. The survey was held between December 23 and January 5 among a representative sample of 1,929 adults.

Q. "If elections were held today for which party would you vote?"

Party	Jan. '83 poll	Oct. '82 poll	Sept. '82 poll	Aug. '82 poll
MKS	MKS	MKS	MKS	
Likud	57	60	60	66
Labour	39	37	39	35
NRP	5	5	4	5
Aguda	4	4	5	4
Tami	3	2	2	2
CRM	2	2	3	—
Tehiya	3	2	3	2
Shinui	2	4	3	2
Telem	1	—	—	—
Rakah and others	4	4	3	4

Institute director Dr. Sara Shemer concluded that the Likud retains a considerable lead and is still able to form a coalition with the religious parties and Tehiya. She said it appears the Likud has lost some support to Tehiya, Telem and Tami, while Labour has picked up votes, mainly at the expense of Shinui.

Together, the coalition parties enjoy much greater support now than is indicated by the present Knesset representation. According to the poll, the coalition parties would now control 73 mandates compared to the opposition's 47.

An analysis of long-term voting patterns indicate that those who voted for the Likud in June, 1981 have been more faithful to their party than have Labour voters. Shemer found that 80 per cent of the Likud's 1981 voters still support the party, with only 15 per cent expressing doubts. However, only 65 per cent of Labour's 1981 voters would vote for Labour now, with 25 per cent undecided.

The floating vote remains about the same as indicated in the previous poll — 18.7 per cent undecided, 3.9 per cent who would not vote, and 7.1 per cent who refuse to disclose their political preference.

Peres promises surprise next month

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Alignment chief Shimon Peres said yesterday that the public may be surprised at his reaction when President Yitzhak Navon announces next month whether he will enter politics.

Voices have been heard urging Navon to head the Alignment list in the next elections. Speaking to students at Tel Aviv University, Peres said that he is being told to step aside for a more popular figure. Saying he is ready to

step aside, Peres asked whether his doing so would solve the problem.

The problem, he said, is not that of personalities but of issues. A majority was ready to vote for the Alignment at the end of 1980 and the beginning of 1981. But the bombing of the Iraqi atomic reactor and the appointment of Yoram Aridor in place of Yigael Hurvitz as finance minister turned the tide away from Labour.

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Shiff builds on despite ban

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Work on the uncompleted office building above the Shekhem in Ibn Gvirol street continued yesterday, despite the municipal court injunction issued Tuesday forbidding the continuation of the work.

City Hall had requested the injunction because the building's owner, Hotelier Haim Shiff, reneged on his undertaking to pay it \$400,000 or buy a nearby lot for the city's use by December 31.

The district town planning com-

mission had ordered Shiff to do this in order to compensate the city for deviating from his building permit by changing the structure's designation from hotel to offices.

Municipal inspectors will come today to check whether work is continuing, municipal spokesman Roni Rimmon said.

Shiff's attorney, Ram Etzion, yesterday asked the municipal court to cancel the ban, contending that City Hall is politically motivated. The hearing will continue on Monday.

Eitan: IDF fighting illiteracy

By KIRYAT ONO (Itim).

Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan said yesterday that the Israel Defence Forces is trying very hard to combat illiteracy in the country. He was speaking to high school students in Kiryat Ono.

Eitan said that in the past, the IDF did not recruit illiterate boys and girls. Now, however, it is able to train and employ them. "The intention," he said, "is to break the cycle of illiteracy."

Zipori explains poor phone service

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's telephone network is strained beyond its capacity, causing problems to subscribers, especially from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on the eve of the Sabbath and Jewish holy days, Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori told the forum of insurance agents at the Dan Hotel here yesterday.

Zipori said the network was overburdened because of lack of adequate infrastructure and the Jewish habit of talking too long over the phone. He promised that as soon as the

new communications company is established, more money will be available for infrastructure. Salaries of company employees will be closer to the salaries in the private sector than is the present wage scale of government employees. He was confident that the negotiations with the workers on setting up the new company would end soon.

Zipori also stated that his ministry had started studying ways of turning the postal services into a government-run company that could pay better wages. He said that some postal service workers receive less than the payment given to the unemployed.

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Margaret Thatcher (Unipix)

Thatcher returns to money crisis

LONDON (AP). — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher returned home yesterday from a surprise five-day tour of the Falkland Islands to face a new crisis over the falling value of the British pound.

Since she left Britain last week, the pound sterling has taken a battering on foreign exchange markets, leading to political pressure for Thatcher to call a general election this year, ahead of the May, 1984 deadline.

On Tuesday, the major British banks raised the prime lending rates a full percentage point to 11 per cent to stem the pound's slide, and the currency had steadied to 1.5777 dollars by yesterday morning.

Economists say the weakness of the pound, which has dropped 13 per cent since last October, was due mainly to uncertainty over the possibility of an early election. The opposition Labour Party is on record in support of a 30 per cent devaluation of the pound.

Police find more evidence against pope's assailant

ROME (AP). — Examination of an apartment used by a Bulgarian who has been implicated in the shooting of the pope has confirmed a key piece of testimony against him, the Italian news agency ANSA reported yesterday.

On Tuesday, investigators probing the May, 1981 attack on John Paul II visited the home of Sergei Ivanov Antonov, station chief of the Bulgarian airline, Balkan Air, who was arrested in his Rome office in November.

Police sources said the investigators made the visit to see if the apartment fitted a description given by Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish terrorist who shot the pope, and is now serving a life term in an Italian jail.

The ANSA dispatch cited unnamed judicial sources as saying that Agca's description conformed with the facts.

Antonov, one of three Bulgarians AGI reported that investigators brought Antonov and Agca together in Rome's Rebibbia jail yesterday to check evidence.

Antonov, one of three Bulgarians and five Turks implicated in the attack, has denied any involvement in the assassination attempt, as charged by Agca.

Greece negotiating French Mirage buy

PARIS (Reuters). — Greece is negotiating with France for a multi-million-dollar purchase of about 20 advanced Mirage 2000 fighter aircraft, military sources said here yesterday.

They said a delegation from the state-controlled Marcel Dassault company is in Athens to work out an agreement and Greece is likely to make a decision in a few months.

Walesa returns to Gdansk shipyards today

WARSAW (Reuters). — Lech Walesa, leader of the banned Solidarity free trade union, said yesterday he will return to Gdansk's Lenin shipyards today to resume his job as an electrician.

It would be the trade union leader's first visit to the shipyards, where Solidarity was born in 1980, since his internment when the military took over and suspended the union in December, 1981. He was released from internment last November.

Walesa said in a statement, read to Reuters by an aide at his Gdansk home: "I am returning to where I came from, to the cradle of

Solidarity, convinced that at this time my place is with those who showed confidence in me."

Walesa, 39, had given no clear indication exactly what he intended to do after his release from internment, but had told reporters he would take a holiday until mid-February.

The Polish authorities have said he is to be treated as just another private citizen. His attempt to address a rally of workers on December 16 was foiled when police picked him up at his home and drove him around in a car all day.

He repeated in his statement

yesterday his intention to continue fighting for the principles of his union, which had 9.3 million members and was the first independent labour union formed in the Communist bloc.

He pledged solidarity "with all my colleagues, especially with those imprisoned or deprived of work, with all those who have remained faithful to our idea."

"I intend to struggle by peaceful means for the realization of the common goals of the working people expressed in the agreements of Gdansk, Szczecin and Jastrzebie," he said.

The agreements, signed after

worker unrest throughout Poland in the summer of 1980, opened the way for Solidarity and the liberalizing period that ended with martial law.

Polish authorities yesterday gave Ruth Gruber, correspondent of United Press International, 48 hours in which to leave the country. The deadline to leave followed the announcement that she is being expelled after being accused of collecting espionage materials.

Her assistant, Anna Olaszewska, 36, was still being held incommunicado by police more than 48 hours after being picked up.

Gulf oil ministers will meet tomorrow over price cuts

BAHRAIN (Reuters). — The oil ministers of Saudi Arabia and its Gulf allies meet here tomorrow for talks that could lead to an effective cut in their oil prices.

Saudi Arabia and fellow members of the Gulf Cooperation Council — Kuwait, Oman, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Qatar — are under growing pressure to cut official oil prices in the glutted world oil market.

The Saudis have been the main defenders of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) market price of \$34 a barrel, which was reconfirmed by OPEC ministers in Vienna last month.

But with Saudi oil selling for as low as \$30 a barrel in the free spot market, speculation in the industry

has centred on the possibility of a \$2 cut in the official price.

The main pressure for a cut has come from Saudi Arabia's U.S. partners in the Arabian American Oil Company (ARAMCO), who are obliged to lift Saudi oil at the official price and often sell at the lower spot price.

Non-OPEC Oman has also been under pressure from its customers to trim official prices now that cheaper oil is readily available elsewhere.

Saudi Arabia, the biggest exporter in the Gulf Council and in OPEC, has so far resisted the price-cut pressure. The Saudis apparently fear it could lead to an uncontrolled price slide, with other producers undercutting whatever tariff the Gulf Council sets.

Meanwhile, in Helsinki representatives of Finland's state-owned oil company Neste said yesterday that the Soviet Union has lowered the price of its oil. Market sources estimated the new price at somewhat below \$32 a barrel.

Neste managing director Jaakko Ihamuotila said after returning from talks in Moscow that the price for Soviet crude would be lowered marginally in line with international price development.

And in Lagos, oil industry sources have revealed that Nigerian oil output in December slipped to about 1.2 million barrels a day from just under 1.4 million in November, the second successive monthly fall in production. The sources said the fall had not been anticipated.

Reagan changes arms-control team

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — President Ronald Reagan, making what he called necessary changes in his arms-control team, has swept aside the two top men responsible for negotiating arms reductions with the Soviet Union.

Eugene Rostow, director of the embattled Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA), resigned Wednesday under fire from the White House and conservatives who considered him too soft in dealing with Moscow.

Richard Staar, Rostow's key assistant, who headed talks on reducing ground forces in Europe, also quit amid reports he had made unauthorized statements.

Reagan named Kenneth Adelman, deputy ambassador to the UN, to head ACDA. He also announced he has chosen former Congressman David Emery to fill the number two post in the agency, overriding Rostow's nomination of Robert Grey.

The shake-up comes as Vice-

President George Bush prepares for a seven-nation European trip to reassure U.S. allies that Reagan is committed to genuine arms reductions.

But some analysts said NATO might see the changes as signs of confusion in the administration's policies on nuclear disarmament.

The White House made it clear Rostow has been fired, saying the president and his foreign-policy advisers have agreed it will help to make changes in the U.S. arms control team.

Adelman has served in the Defense Department and also stood in for Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick at the UN, where he has taken a hard line on many issues involving the Soviet Union. But he is not known as an arms-control expert.

Two members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee called Rostow's resignation regrettable, saying it will have a negative impact on the negotiations. Conser-

vative Republican Larry Pressler said his departure is a very serious matter and liberal Democrat Paul Tsongas declared that arms control under Reagan is now dead.

Arms-control supporters already have expressed concern that an earlier White House decision to drop the nomination of Grey as ACDA's deputy director might signal that the president has opted for a hard-line response to recent Soviet initiatives on missile reductions and suggestions for summit talks.

Reagan's choice, David Emery, is a conservative Republican from Maine.

The president also named a career foreign service diplomat and former ambassador to Thailand, Morton Abramowitz, to replace Staar.

In Moscow, the official Soviet news agency Tass, yesterday described Rostow's resignation as "yet another indication of the serious differences now rending the Reagan administration."

Non-Aligned states disagree over anti-U.S. resolution

MANAGUA, Nicaragua. — Moderate and radical Third World states were locked in a major battle yesterday over whether to blame the U.S. for most of Latin America's economic and political woes.

The head of Nicaragua's ruling junta, Daniel Ortega, made it clear on Wednesday night that hardliners in the Non-Aligned Movement were still pressing for a stinging denunciation of the Reagan administration, despite intense pressure from other states for a softer line.

He was addressing the opening session of a special meeting of the coordinating bureau of Non-Aligned nations called to discuss Nicaraguan and Cuban charges against Washington's involvement in Latin America and the Caribbean. Ortega accused the U.S. of trying to sabotage the talks here and

Britain of reviving piracy over the Falkland Islands.

Conference sources said backstage efforts to bridge the split in Non-Aligned ranks were likely to be stepped up yesterday to produce a compromise draft document for the talks, in preparation for the movement's seventh summit in New Delhi in March.

Many delegates were still optimistic that a solution acceptable to Nicaragua and Cuba, backed by Iran and Libya, on one side and moderates including Yugoslavia and Zaire on the other, would be worked out before the conference ends today.

In Peking yesterday, China's leading newspaper criticized India for not inviting the coalition of Cambodian resistance groups and its leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk to the March summit.

UN offered as summit site

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who confers with President Ronald Reagan at the White House today, says he is ready to offer the UN as the neutral meeting ground for an American-Soviet summit.

In an interview with the Associated Press, the UN chief said he would welcome an introductory meeting between Reagan and new Soviet leader Yuri Andropov because it "would help at least to create a better atmosphere for the solution of so many international problems."

Among the most pressing problems, he said, were the Middle-East conflict, Afghanistan, Southeast Asia, South West Africa and Cyprus.

Perez de Cuellar met briefly with Andropov in Moscow when the UN secretary-general went there for the funeral of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev in November. Today's White House meeting will be Perez de Cuellar's third meeting with Reagan since the 62-year-old Peruvian diplomat took office a year ago.

Rebellion ends after 6 days in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR (AP). — Colonel Sigifredo Ochoa Perez abruptly ended his six-day rebellion shortly after he flew to the capital to see his injured wife.

President Alvaro Magana announced the end of El Salvador's military crisis at a news conference Wednesday. Ochoa returned to his headquarters late Wednesday, and after meeting with his aides, told reporters: "I will go where I am ordered."

Ochoa's mutiny had threatened to split the armed forces in this civil-war-torn nation. The popular commander of some 1,000 troops in Cabanas province rebelled last Thursday night when the Defence Minister, General Jose Guillermo Garcia, ordered his transfer to Uruguay as a military attaché at the Salvadoran embassy.

"I am proud of having been the one who told the truth," Ochoa said late Wednesday, adding that he believes his mutiny will result "in more concern and communication between the high command and the armed forces in general."

Ochoa said he would remain at his headquarters until he is relieved.

740 face trial for terrorism in Turkey

ANKARA (AP). — More than 700 alleged members of an alleged Marxist terrorist group went on trial yesterday on charges of attempting a violent Communist revolution in Turkey.

The military prosecutor is demanding the death sentence for 260 of the 740 accused members of the Dev-Yol (Revolutionary Road) terrorist organization. The defendants are charged with political assassinations and a series of murder attempts, kidnappings, bomb attacks and armed robberies between 1978 and 1980.

The trial could last more than a year. Similar mass trials that began in 1981 and 1982 have not yet ended.

Political violence claimed 5,000 lives in Turkey in the two years before the military takeover by Turkey's armed forces in September 1980.

100 missing as boat sinks off Malay coast

KOTA KINABALU, Malaysia (Reuters). — Rescue teams yesterday recovered the bodies of 10 passengers from a boat that capsized early Wednesday in rough seas off the east Malaysian state of Sabah.

About 120 persons were rescued from the wreckage of the 21-metre motor launch Al-Malya, but police abandoned hope of finding alive the 100 passengers and crew still missing.

Soviet massacre in Afghanistan alleged

LONDON (AP). — Soviet troops shelled a mosque in a small village north-west of Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, killing some 55 people, the dissident Afghan Press Agency reported yesterday.

The London-based agency, which claims to have good contacts in Soviet-occupied Afghanistan, said the attack occurred in the last week of December in the village of Said Khalil in Parwan province.

Japan unveils plan to ease trade friction

TOKYO (Reuters). — The Japanese Government announced yesterday that it had adopted a five-point package of measures aimed at increasing imports and easing trade friction with the U.S. and the European community.

Sports

W.I. cricketers will tour S.A.

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (Reuters). — A West Indian cricket tour of South Africa is going ahead.

It is expected to consist of 15 players and to last six weeks. The team will be led by Lawrence Rowe. Other players are Albert Padmore, Richard Austen, Sylvester Clarke, Colin Croft, Alvin Greenridge, Bernard Julian, Alvin Karrischaran, Collis King, Everton Mattis, Derrick Parry, Franklin Stephenson and Emmerson Trotman.

The first match will be played on Saturday against Western Province. All letter to the Barbados Cricket Association from Padmore set out the player's point of view.

The letter expressed the players' regret at having to inform the Association "that, after very careful and deep consideration, we have realised that our respective economic positions and outstanding liabilities render it impracticable for any of us, from the standpoint not only of ourselves personally but of our families, to refuse the renewed offer to us to participate for a period of six weeks in a cricket tour of South Africa."

"We, and each of us, loathe apartheid as vehemently as, if not more than, the loudest and

strongest other opponents of that inhuman practice. But we do not subscribe to the view that by playing in South Africa we will make the situation any worse for coloureds and blacks there."

"In fact, our visit at the cost of the South African authorities may well prove to create in the minds of the said South Africans the realization that people ethnically like themselves are of great importance in the scheme of things cricket-wise and create in their minds beliefs in their own potentialities."

The players are said to be receiving between \$56,000 and \$75,000 each, a vast sum compared to any amounts they have previously earned from cricket.

In the meanwhile, in Auckland, New Zealand, anti-apartheid demonstrators at the Benson and Hedges Grand Prix Tennis Tournament, protesting against the presence of South African tennis players, damaged a court with paint-filled eggs, and delayed the start of the tournament for a day. Three people were arrested. Although Milton has lived for six years in California, he refused to make a statement condemning apartheid or undertaking to apply for American citizenship.

Kiwis beat English by 2 runs

MELBOURNE (AP). — New Zealand held off a determined English batting challenge to snatch victory by two runs on the final delivery of the World Series cup one-day match at the Melbourne Cricket ground yesterday.

In a sensational finish, England's Vic Marks was clean bowled by Ewan Chatfield only two runs short of victory after wicket keeper Bob Taylor had tried desperately to "farm" the strike.

England scored 237 for the loss of 8 wickets in reply to New Zealand's 239 for 8 with both teams using their full 50 overs.

The match kept the 11,000 crowd on its toes all day as they were treated to some brilliant cricket, including a magnificent century by the English vice-captain, David Gower.

Gower, with all-rounder Ian

Botham, almost stole the match from New Zealand. Gower, the man of the match, made a tremendous 122 in 196 minutes with eight boundaries. Botham made 41, including two sixes and two fours, in 65 minutes.

But, as England closed in on the NZ total at 223 for 6, Gower turned a ball to midwicket where he was caught by Glenn Turner off pacesman Richard Hadlee.

The loss of Gower was a vital blow to England, who needed only 17 more runs for victory.

Marks and Taylor battled gallantly as the count-down of overs and runs began in the dying stages. They were probably lucky not to have been run out several times during their efforts to close the gap.

SCORES: New Zealand 239 for 8 in 50 overs (Wright 55, Best 3 for 40); England 237 for 8 in 50 overs. New Zealand won by 2 runs.

City end Sunderland bogey

LONDON (AP). — Manchester City defeated First Division rivals Sunderland 2-1 in an FA Cup third round replay on Wednesday night, ending a six-year spell during which they had never beaten the North-East team. City dominated the game and were two goals up at half-time through Asa Hartford (14) and David Cross (29).

Brighton beat Newcastle United 1-0. Former England captain Kevin

Keegan and Imre Varadi both had goals disallowed in the last 10 minutes as Newcastle and City to the Brighton goal after Peter Ward had put the visitors in front after 62 minutes.

Stoke City has the dubious reward of a trip to Liverpool after narrowly defeating Third Division Sheffield United 3-2 in another third round replay.

Not so very good for Best

LONDON (AP). — Former Manchester United and Northern Ireland soccer star George Best was in London's Westminster Hospital on Wednesday night recovering from a gash he received to his neck when a man hit him with a beer glass during a tavern brawl, police said.

The incident occurred shortly after Best appeared in London Bankruptcy Court. He was the object of a receiving order last November 5 in which the Tax Department contended he owed 18,686 pounds in back taxes. Tuesday's hearing was adjourned until April 19.

Doctors stitched 36-year-old Best's wound and said he was being kept in the hospital overnight for routine observation. A Scotland Yard press officer said police had

arrested a man for the attack. Honor Williams, landlady of the Chequers pub, told reporters: "Poor George really had nothing to do with it. He was just hit for no reason at all."

She said Best, a frequent visitor to the pub, arrived shortly before it was scheduled to close for the night with a blonde, identified by the British domestic News Agency Press Association as former Miss World Mary Stevens.

The Belfast-born forward, who gained publicity for his playboy lifestyle, has had a drink problem for several years, and has been treated for alcoholism. But Mrs. Williams said he normally drinks only soft drinks or an occasional small glass of lager at her pub, and had only had one drink when the incident occurred.

Tripucka comeback

NEW YORK (AP). — The Washington Bullets didn't believe Kelly Tripucka would be a problem after he missed Detroit's last 23 games because of a knee injury.

Tripucka, in his first appearance since November 24, hit 11 of 18 shots for 25 points in Detroit's 116-110 victory over the Bullets on Wednesday night.

"Tripucka played a great game," Washington coach Gene Shue said.

"I was surprised he played as well as he did. We just went over the players before the game and we really didn't pay much attention to him."

In other National Basketball Association games, New Jersey won their 11th straight game by beating Indiana 126-114; Boston beat Golden State 139-117; Philadelphia rolled to beat Milwaukee 122-121; Chicago edged Cleveland 94-92; Dallas trounced San Diego 112-110; Kansas City beat San Antonio 118-113 and Denver beat Utah 126-118.

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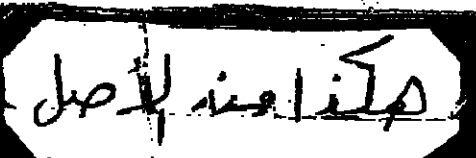
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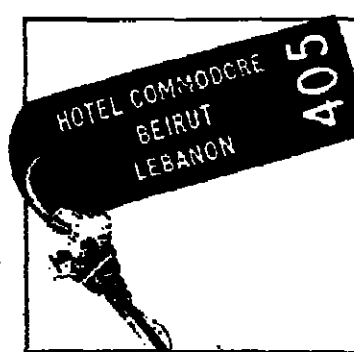
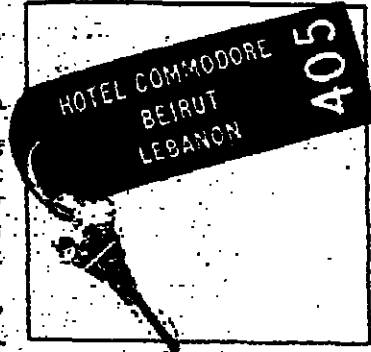
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JOURNEY INTO FEAR

By Hirsh Goodman



THE TENSION starts at Rosh Hanikra. There was always tension before a journey into Lebanon, but somehow never like this.

You now have to drive through Southern Lebanon wearing a flak jacket all the time, even in a car with civilian plates. There always have to be two armed guards in the car, and no matter what the weather, they have to keep the windows open, with their loaded guns at the ready.

You can only travel in a convoy of three or more vehicles. There are now roadblocks, and as you near the southern outskirts of Beirut, there is an Israeli armoured personnel carrier or tank stationed every few hundred metres.

Ironically, this has all happened over the past two weeks, as a result of the sharp increase in terror attacks against Israeli vehicles and objectives along the main coastal highway linking Israel with Beirut. Even during the war itself, travel — once you had crossed the border — was virtually unrestricted.

Now you travel in fear. Every turn in the road, every orange grove, is approached with caution and suspicion. It may all be imagination, as is probably the hostility you read into the eyes of those you pass; but yet the fear is very real.

Witness to the tension in the car as we drive towards Beirut is the flow of macabre jokes, stemming more from nervousness than humour.



NO ONE is sure who is behind the recent attacks, the most serious of which was the wounding of 22 Israeli soldiers near Kafr Sill last week, but official Israeli sources have blamed lax Lebanese control of movement along the Beirut-Tripoli highway for the influx of terrorists into Southern Lebanon.

There is doubt, however, about whether the dozen or so incidents during the past two weeks have been guided by one hand. There are those who blame the PLO; others point a finger at the Syrians. There is one theory that the attacks against Israeli objectives are actually being carried out by Christian fringe groups who want a deeper Israeli military involvement in the region, which they assume must come if the IDF wants to protect itself.

It could be none of these, but a combination of all three, for the purpose of the attacks has been varied. Several, like the Katyushas found directed at Kiryat Shmona two weeks ago, have clearly been aimed at disrupting the peace talks. Others, like the bus attack last Friday, were directed at restricting freedom of Israeli movement around Southern Lebanon.

Many people have an interest in achieving one or both of these goals. The Druse in the Shouf, for example, fearful of Phalangite vengeance once the IDF pulls out, would prefer that there be no partial

Israeli withdrawal before an ironclad guarantee of their safety and semi-autonomy is achieved. While the Palestinians should, logically, want the IDF out of Lebanon as quickly as possible, they understand that Israel's withdrawal will be conditional on their own. They could therefore be interested in putting off any agreement for as long as they need to organize an alternative infrastructure in Lebanon.

And while the security forces puzzle over who and why, even though there are some tangible leads, the army is forced to move with stealth and caution, as are all Israelis.

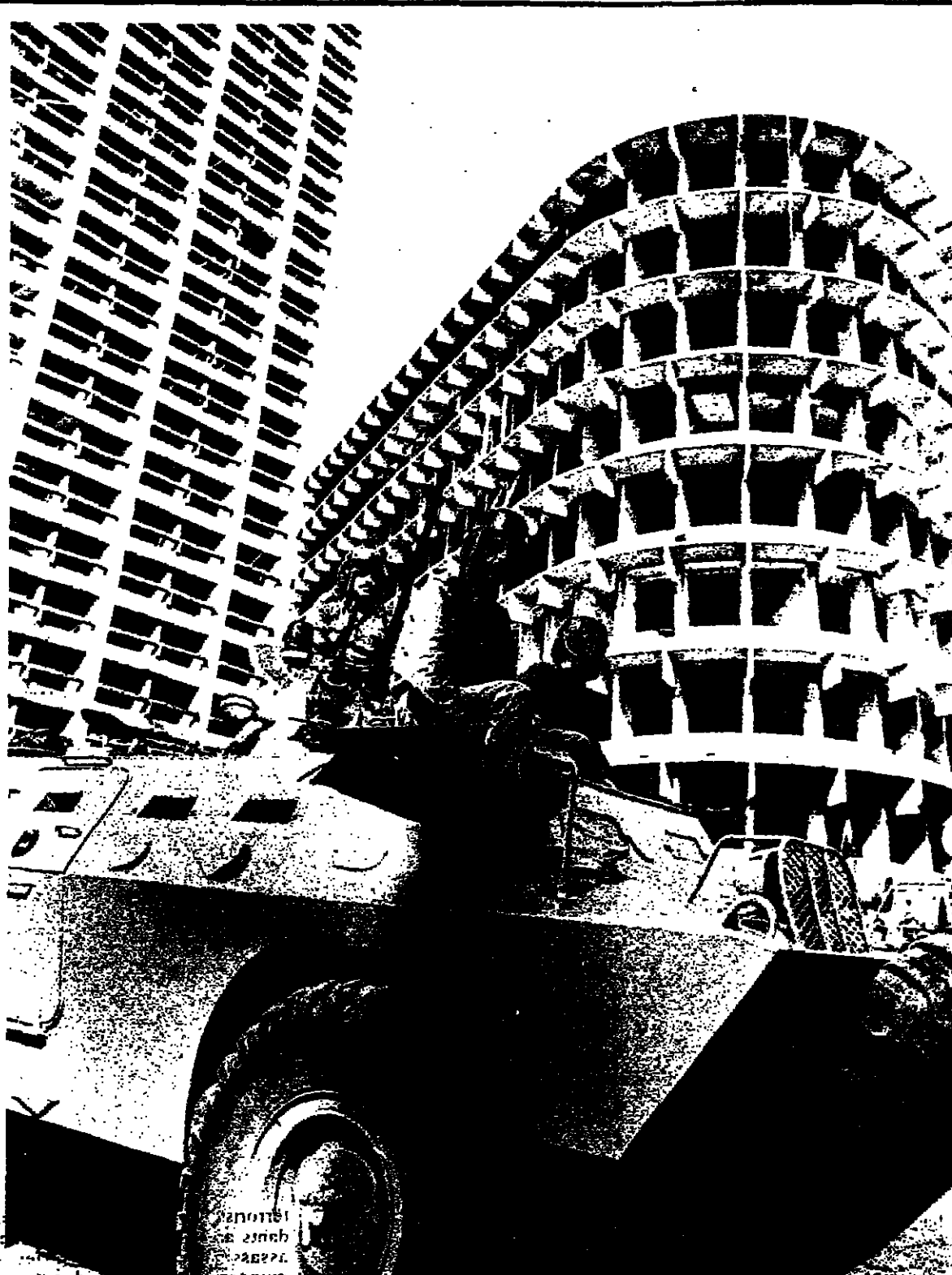
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE to do otherwise. The roads are narrow and lined with houses and other buildings, walls, orchards and marshland. The terrorist has unlimited opportunities. He can attack with an RPG from a hill above the road, or toss a grenade over a wall. Or he can resort to the cowardly but effective tactic of laying a mine, or planting an explosive-laden car on the edge of the highway to be activated by remote control when an Israeli vehicle passes.

The opportunities were always there, but for the six months or so that Israelis have been treating Southern Lebanon as if it were an extension of the West Bank, they were hardly ever seized. Security was never really a problem. But since the thinning out of Israeli forces after the capture of West Beirut, and the development of the negotiating process, terror has become a problem.

It's not going to change anything, and is mainly of nuisance value; but it does indicate a political dynamic which may splutter and die, or could get worse.

FOR THE ISRAELI visitor, Lebanon is becoming an increasingly spooky, yet fascinating place to visit. One is surrounded by a constant buzz of speculation, and there is an omnipresent sense of uncertainty. The whole place seems to be twisting, wheels within wheels. There are so many things happening. Tripoli, where pro- and anti-Syrian Alawites are killing each other; the Shouf and downtown Beirut, where Druse and Christians are locked in sporadic battle; Parliament House, where a Christian president, a Moslem prime minister and Druse representatives are divided in their elementary political perceptions; the refugee camps, where the Lebanese army is trying to exert control, but fearful of coming upon any real opposition; the confused role of a multi-national force representing three governments with different ideas about the future of the Middle East; the 6,900 unemployed members of the UNIFIL contingent; Haddad and el-Amal... and on and on and on. Incredibly, against this dizzying backdrop, the Lebanese pound has been getting steadily stronger, and opulence is again beginning to border on the gaudy. There are tons of garbage in the streets, but the lights more or less work, as do the phones.

It was surprisingly easy to order a taxi from the offices of the Israel Foreign Ministry situated in a magnificent villa near the Lebanese Ministry of Defence. The driver spoke virtually no English — just enough to answer our question as to how much it would cost to get from



'Passing from East Beirut to West Beirut, from where you have friends to where you have none, is a psychological shock'

the villa (rented from an absentee Saudi Arabian princess through the good offices of her Beirut lawyer) to the Commodore Hotel in West Beirut with the very Levantine, "Whatever sum comes upon you." We eventually settled for \$25 for the 15-minute journey.

It was already dark as we started down the hill for this first visit into West Beirut since Israeli forces withdrew from it some three months ago. This only added to the nervousness of a British colleague and myself. I was nervous because I had no identification documents other than my Israeli press card; he was nervous because I was nervous. The only one who was unperturbed was our driver who apparently saw nothing strange in picking up two people at the Israel Foreign Ministry office and driving them to the famous Commodore, which until only recently was considered PLO-controlled (and some say still is).



He was also unperturbed by the road blocks, some manned by the Lebanese army, others by the Lebanese Forces, and undoubtedly watched by representatives of almost all of Lebanon's private armies. He apparently knew the guards well, for all he did was wave and switch on the car's inside light, illuminating our overly calm, overly smiling faces, and the British passport my companion was

No more potholes or skeletal ruins than in East Beirut. The lavish shop-window displays give an impression of an affluent society rather than one at war. New model cars are enmeshed in a moderate traffic jam.

Flashing neon signs heighten the surreal quality of the scene that presents itself to a very nervous Israeli reporter with no credentials, driving towards uncertainty in a city where law and order are determined by the individual. He knows that what he is seeing is but a facade of normalcy; an illusion as treacherous as gift-wrapping on a parcel bomb.

THE COMMODORE is something else again. It survived the war unscathed, its shield being the huge semi-permanent foreign press contingent that made the hotel its base. It is owned by a Palestinian who is known to be a big donor to the PLO, undoubtedly more out of fear than love, and it was at the Commodore that the PLO held its daily press conferences. It was also here that all official guests of the PLO were housed.

Inside the hotel there are eyes everywhere. The desk clerk is casually polite and efficient. At either end of the desk stand men labelled as security personnel by their bored expressions but alert eyes. My colleague, who pays for two rooms with an international credit card, is somewhat taken aback when the clerk asks him where his Lebanese visa is. This has never happened before: a passport alone was all that requested in the past.

The clerk shows no surprise at our explanation that we have crossed over from Israel to cover tomorrow morning's peace talks at Haifa, but whispers something to the man with the bored look standing near him. We guess that he is reporting the missing visa. The security man's expression does not change; he merely nods, and my colleague is given a key.

Contrary to our expectations, since he has paid for the rooms, I too, am asked to fill in a registration card. I use a poor pseudonym: I just transcribe my family and first names, and say I represent a London newspaper whose address I vaguely remember. When I'm asked for my passport, I say that I left it in the car and the car is with the driver and the driver will only be back at 9:00 p.m. — that's to say, in about three hours.

"No problem," says the clerk as he again approaches the security man and whispers another verse in the developing odyssey of the two irregular guests who have just arrived from Israel.

In order to establish our credibility, we ask after several big-name journalists we know are living at the hotel. Probably we are trying too hard. None of those we ask for is, and suddenly we feel very lonely.

PRICES at the Commodore are outrageous. A beer is \$5, dinner over \$50, a room over \$100. But the mounting bill seems a small price to pay if this totally unnecessary adventure ends harmlessly.

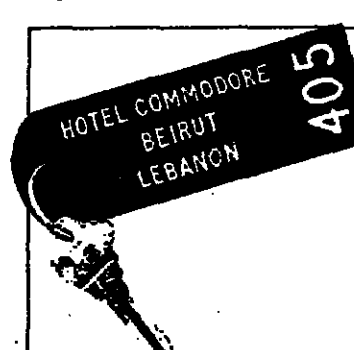
We sit in the room for half an hour, literally waiting for a knock on the door. In the best-case possibility, we hope that it will be the Lebanese authorities. There would be a minor diplomatic flap and

perhaps a night in custody, but it would work out. In the worst case, we can expect the representatives of any one of the two dozen violently anti-Israeli organizations still known to be active and organized in West Beirut. No knock comes.

We venture down to the dimly-lit bar, our presence at least to our fevered minds, attracting the immediate attention of the two dozen men and two women drinking but hardly talking. We feel that these people are at work rather than enjoying a drink away from it.

As opposed to the bar area, the dining room seems friendly. Four Americans are eating loudly in the corner near the grill, and our two waiters are unctuously attentive. Two-and-a-half hours in never-never-land have passed uneventfully yet eventually. Only half-an-hour left before our taxi arrives to take us back to the Israeli villa for a scheduled late-night meeting with an Israeli official.

The two of us decide that it will be best if I do not sleep at the hotel, but that he, who has bonafide credentials, does so as not to arouse too much suspicion. The problem is how to walk through the lobby carrying an overnight bag. We manage that, even stopping at reception, to leave a message for a friend who has not yet come in.



UNBELIEVABLY, the taxi was there and waiting. Why not? It's not every day you find two suckers willing to pay \$25 for a \$10 ride. We greet the driver like an old friend, the ebullience of the backslapping being genuine enough given our urgent need of friendship, any friendship. We could have sworn that there was a car following as we left the curb, but after six blocks or so it turned off to the right. It was at that moment that I decided to frame the key to room 405 of the Hotel Commodore, Beirut, and keep it as my own personal monument to idiosyncrasy.

The psychological barrier between East and West Beirut is apparently still very real for the inhabitants of that city too. Those identified with the rival camps that killed each other over the Green Line for eight years do not venture far from home ground, and certainly not openly from one side of the city to the other. During the day workers cross the lines in their tens of thousands, but at night people entertain themselves on their own side of what still seems to be an unsurmountable border between two parts of the same city.

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REPORT SUSPICIOUS OBJECTS

DURING THE past 12 months, the operations of Israel's Stock Exchange have got out of hand. Perturbed is its chairman, Dr. Meir Heth, who wants the rules changed and is prepared to resign if they are not.

A stock exchange is a marketplace for securities. Their prices go up and down each day according to supply and demand. But they should not, under a well-ordered system, depart very much from the true asset value that each share represents.

A factory or a property company is worth what it would fetch if it was sold; or, alternatively, its value can be seen as a multiple of its profitability. If a firm makes IS1m a year, an investor could reasonably offer something like IS8m-10m for its purchase.

Shares are marketed in Tel Aviv today at several times that rate, which means, to put it bluntly, that the public is being taken (or is taking itself) for a ride.

THE MARKET BOOMED in 1980 and 1981, but in 1982 it went really berserk. Prices rose on the average by 290 per cent, yielding an increase in real terms (that is, over and above the cost-of-living index) of 70 per cent.

A closer look is even more alarming. Bank shares, which account for half the market, rose by a mere (!) 30 per cent. Industrials and others soared by 100, 200 per cent and more — again, in real terms.

What caused this extraordinary surge? The government's policy of deficit-financing has flooded the country with "printed money," and the consequent triple-digit inflation aroused crazy expectations. Portfolio managers and others have exploited this atmosphere to create a hyper-inflation of their own.

If the truth be told, many of them are victims of their own delusions; they are carried with the tide. One fund buys an over-priced share — and its value shoots up further. What can the other fund say when facing its shareholders? It buys, too, and quotations continue their endless upward spiral.

Private companies are queuing up to go public — 76 of them made new share issues last year. The public is manifestly prepared to pay a lot for a little, so few can resist the temptation. Only a few days ago a company called Shenhar, which proposes to create a plantation that will grow a perfectly respectable export crop, was over-subscribed 80 times. When trading starts in its shares, their value will in all likelihood double — and for no good reason.

Companies that would not in normal times have cause to make a share issue are doing it all the same, because of the ease with which equity capital can be mobilized.

Meir Heth wants to restrain this impulse. One way is to make access to the market more difficult. Under present rules, any undertaking pos-

sessing a turnover (in local currency) of \$2.5m. and a profit of \$250,000 can offer its shares for sale to the public.

Heth proposes raising this minimum to a turnover of \$4m. and profit of \$500,000; moreover, the company must have an established record of at least two years' business activity, with published balance-sheets.

In the case of property companies, for whom present regulations are particularly fuzzy, he would require assets totalling the equivalent of at least \$8m., half of them income-producing. With less than that, the company should not, he thinks, be allowed to make a share issue.

THAT ALONE will not cure the malady, reform is necessary also in the system of trading. It worked well when the stock market was small, but now that the scale of activities has grown, problems are emerging, notably one: that the traditional trading method in force tends to magnify price fluctuations.

Abroad, a person who wants to buy or sell shares calls a broker, who takes his order to the stock exchange. Market-makers (in England, jobbers) sit there, each specializing in a certain group of shares. The broker does his transaction through the market-maker, who tells him the ruling price.

Trading is continuous, prices change from hour to hour. The market-maker keeps a zealous eye on the situation. If a stock goes down, he knows where to find a potential buyer; if it goes up, he can lay his hands on a willing seller. Many transactions take place during the day, each one having a minimal effect on the share price. The system is flexible; a small price movement up or down is sufficient to complete a deal.

IN ISRAEL, things are different. The big brokers are the banks. Each one has so many customers that it does the buying and selling during the morning within its own premises between one customer and another. It only brings the residue of shares for which there were no takers, or of bids which could not be met, to the stock exchange at the end of the morning.

The stock exchange does not carry out continuous trading. It has one session only, which is devoted to clearing those residues. The Official Broker (an employee of the stock exchange) negotiates a price between buyer and seller adequate to dispose of outstanding shares.

At what price did the securities change hands within each bank during the morning, before the unsold residue began to be traded in the stock exchange? Answer: At the prices determined by the Official Broker for that remnant in the middle of the day. They apply retroactively.

This is a cheap and convenient method of trading. There is only

one price for each share during the day. Most deals are conducted effortlessly through the banks' computers. Brokers do not have to go through the frenzy of hand-waving and barking and telephoning, with prices changing on the display-board from minute to minute, like flights on the arrivals-and-departures screen at an air terminal.

THE FLAW in the Israeli system became apparent only recently. Abroad, price-fixing is decentralized. Prices are determined in thousands of transactions, and change all the time; it is difficult to rig the market.

In Israel, the prices for a lot of transactions are fixed once and for all each day in a small volume of trading, which makes it possible for the less scrupulous to indulge in manipulation.

This is how it is done: if a share drops by 5 per cent and that is still not enough to dispose of all the supply on offer, or if it goes up by 5 per cent and there are still unsatisfied buyers, all trade in that share is suspended for the day.

If, on the following day, the share price moves another 5 per cent and still the stock is not cleared, all deals are suspended for that day, too. On the third day controls are removed, and the share can be sold for whatever price it fetches.

Brokers are aware that by offering for sale more shares than can be marketed or by bidding for more shares than can be supplied, they are able to change the price by the requisite 5 per cent, without buying or selling a single share (since all deals are suspended).

The reason for this delaying tactic is to allow time for second thoughts. If prices go up so much, there may be sellers; if down, buyers. The rules are designed to let investors sleep on it.

But the system lends itself to abuse. It must be remembered that the market is small because only the residue of shares unpurchased or unsold by the individual brokers is offered up. In a small market, no great volume of offer or demand is needed to swing the price.

Let us take an extreme scenario. A trader wanting to sell shares in a relatively small company (for which supply and demand are not big) announces on the contrary that he wants to buy that self-same equity, making sure that his bid is greater than the market can supply. The price goes up by 5 per cent and the next day by another 5 per cent — and he has not been required to buy anything.

On the third day, trading is free; but the market price is up by then, because credulous members of the public are now bidding for this share, since it was "buyers only" for two successive days.

Our manipulator then forgets about his intention to buy (claiming by way of justification that the price has risen too much) and surreptitiously unloads instead the bunch

Stopping the stampede

By DAVID KRIVINE



Meir Heth... reform or resign.

(Karen Ben-Zion)

of those same shares that he wanted to sell. The price he sells it for is substantially above the level that had obtained three days before.

WHAT HE has done is illegal, but it is hard to catch him if he handles the maneuver skillfully. What is the remedy?

Dr. Heth points out that there is no absolute cure, some manipula-

tion exists in all stock exchanges. One example is a practice known as "wash sales." Mr. Smith tells one broker that he would like to sell 30,000 shares in the ABC company, if he can get five points more than the current price.

Using a different name he tells another broker that he wants to buy 30,000 shares in that same company, but won't pay more than five points

above the current price. The brokers find each other and conclude the deal. Mr. Smith has sold 30,000 shares — to himself, at no outlay. But the market price of those shares is up by five points. It is hard to spot such tricks.

What can be done is to diminish the possibilities of abuse — by adopting the foreign trading system. The second reform then, that Heth recommends is to introduce, step by step, a continuous auction market in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, as exists overseas.

His approach is cautious and experimental, but the likely outcome is that investors will eventually do all their buying and selling of registered shares in the stock exchange. Trading will no longer take place within the portals of the banks, but would be concentrated on the floor of the bourse, with prices posted up and changing all the time in response to supply-and-demand pressures emanating from the entire market.

THE EXISTING trading system plays into the hands of what Heth calls "aggressive portfolio managers and managers of unit trusts." Anybody can become a portfolio manager in Israel, no qualifications are required. He can build up big holdings in individual companies by representing a large number of people possessing shares in that company — and that allows him to interfere with the running of the company.

Says Heth: "A unit trust may not under the law hold more than 10 per cent of any single security. But a person managing half-a-dozen unit trusts and acquiring 10 per cent for each of them can achieve much more."

The reform he proposes is to make it illegal for a complex of unit trusts to hold between them more than the 10 per cent maximum (or whatever proportion is decided) in any single company.

He also wants to ban "closed unit trusts." They are trusts that decide to sell a certain number of membership certificates and no more. They do that because if the amount of investment money at their disposal is limited, they can place it more selectively and profitably. This puts pressure on other unit trusts, Heth says, accentuating the general atmosphere of frantic competition in speculative buying.

Unit trusts are not supposed to be like that. Their purpose is to invest the small man's savings fruitfully and securely. Heth would require that they be obliged to issue membership certificates on demand.

"A unit trust of the Israel General Bank offered IS200m. of certificates to the public. The issue was over-subscribed, the demand was for IS1,500m. The fund should have been obliged to sell certificates to that sum," he says.

He also wants a proper licensing

system for portfolio managers and a proper system of supervision. "Today each unit trust has a manager and a trustee, with no clear definition of the trustee's job. He often contents himself with being a custodian, making sure that the manager doesn't disappear with the money."

He should, in Heth's view, be required to see that the fund is run according to the law and according to the rules, without favouritism, manipulation or unfair use of inside information.

THESE, THEN, are the changes that he proposes: raising the minimal performance requirements for companies applying to make share issues, in order to secure that only solid undertakings go public; changing the securities trading system so that all transactions take place on the floor of the stock exchange; banning closed unit trusts (those that exist would not have their registration renewed when it expires); tightening the rules for unit trusts to secure a proper dispersal of their holdings; and improved licensing and supervision arrangements for portfolio managers.

Heth presented this entire programme as a single package on a take-it-or-leave-it basis. Members of the stock exchange found it difficult to cope with such a comprehensive change. Various people had various reservations. Faced with this wishy-washy response, Heth submitted his resignation, but it may not be final. The big banks have decided on second thoughts that hard remedies are indeed necessary, however painful the adjustment — and gave Heth their backing.

If his proposals go through, what will happen to the Israeli stock market? The shock of change may cause a return to sanity. The forces of moderation will strengthen, the pressures towards speculation weaken.

Prices could slump if the public lost faith and started to panic. Financial circles in Tel Aviv think such a spectacular collapse unlikely, owing to the preponderance of big institutional investors in the market. These will make sure that the situation does not get out of hand.

Likeliest outcome is a gradual settling of the market, with share prices during the coming years going up more slowly on the average than the cost-of-living index. Not all shares will decline. There will still be incentives to play the market. A good deal of capital may move away from equity towards interest-paying bonds.

It can be a quiet process of adjustment, provided that Meir Heth's reform programme, or something similar, is adopted — before it is too late.

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VIOLENT confrontations between the authorities and embittered slum-dwellers such as occurred recently in Kfar Shalem inevitably, in some quarters set off alarms of an impending social Armageddon. Yet a closer look at the situation indicates that a doomsday scenario for Israel's overlapping ethnic and social conflicts is not in the cards.

Not for lack of real problems though. The miserable neglect and deprivation revealed by recent intensive journalistic coverage of Kfar Shalem are real enough, and characterize — in varying degrees of intensity — dozens of other urban slums and towns throughout the country.

No precise figure exists for the number of people who suffer simultaneously from poor housing, neglected environment, restricted cultural and educational opportunities, low income and economic insecurity. The target population of Project Renewal numbers about 600,000. This figure, however, vastly overstates the number of people living in conditions of severe deprivation, since it includes all residents of renewal areas, the better-off together with the worst welfare cases.

Another figure, probably too low to serve as a true indicator of the extent of the problem, focuses on the 150,000 people found by the National Insurance Institute to be living in poverty. A poverty income is defined by the NII as 40 per cent of the median income of all wage

earners. For our purposes we will put the figure of those at the bottom of the social scale somewhat arbitrarily at 400,000. It need hardly be said that the vast majority of this group are of Oriental background.

This clear-cut overlap between ethnic origin and social status may seem like a sure-fire recipe for social dynamite, but it depends on the angle from which one views the figures.

For almost 30 years public discussion of the social gap in the Jewish population has been defined in terms of the "first Israel" versus the "second Israel." This would seem to split the Jewish population neatly into two parts: the established Ashkenazi upper class, today comprising roughly 40 per cent, and the deprived Oriental lower class making up about 60 per cent.

By doing a little ethnic arithmetic we come up with the following: 60 per cent of the Jewish population — about 3,370,000 — comes to a bit over 2,000,000. Now the estimated 400,000 people in the worst social circumstances comprise only a fifth of the total number of Jews of Middle Eastern background. (These admittedly rough calculations omit any consideration of those of mixed Ashkenazi-Oriental parentage.)

The conclusion is inescapable: the bipolar view of Israeli society is out of date. Most Oriental Jews do not fall into the Kfar Shalem category, although many still lag behind Ashkenazim to some extent

in education, income, housing, occupation and political power.

A society's potential for severe ethnic conflict depends not only on the size of the deprived group but also on how it fits into the overall structure. Israel's Jewish population today seems to be divided into three strata: a top layer of elites in their respective fields; a broad middle class shading off into upper and lower regions that makes up the vast majority; and what sociologists call an "underclass" of those deprived of opportunities for advancement or improvement, or unable to take advantage of those available.

Ethnically speaking the top layer includes a sprinkling of non-Ashkenazim, the middle layer is mixed, though not in equal proportions; while the bottom is almost exclusively Oriental.

In such a structure, which has developed mainly since the Six Day War, the possibility of a mass protest movement fuelled by a combination of social deprivation and ethnic hostility has steadily diminished. The explosion ignited by the Black Panthers in the early 1970s represents the last gasp of the old, bipolar structure and not the wave of the future.

In gauging the explosive potential of the current structure, the group to watch is the young people in their 20s and 30s who would provide the leaders and activists of a mass protest movement.

Recent studies have shown that among young people of Oriental background, the intensity of their ethnic consciousness tapers off as they rise in the social ladder. Those with the greatest feeling of being set

apart and with the greatest hostility towards Ashkenazim are concentrated at the bottom, with the exception of small groups of Oriental intellectuals and politicians who have recently been advocating the path of independent Oriental cultural and political expression.

THERE HAS been and still is a steady movement of young people out of the underclass, who have been able to take advantage of opportunities offered by schools, the army and the business world. If the talented and ambitious had been hemmed in instead of being allowed and encouraged to move ahead, this would have created a stratum of potential leaders for a massive upheaval. Most of the charismatic figures, pined for by slum activists longing for a leader, have left the slum and haven't looked back. They want to eradicate any vestige of the stigma of the "old neighbourhood" which might threaten their new status. The only group which combines personal social advancement with a sense of personal responsibility for the slums that they left behind are the hundreds of young people from deprived backgrounds who have taken special academic and non-academic leadership training courses. Many have returned to work in their towns and neighbourhoods after having imbibed the "reformist" approach to solving social problems advocated by the establishment. If a handful of these people became disillusioned by the slow pace of social change

and channelled their frustration into radical political action, they could be the ones to spark unrest. But for now this group still seems to be pursuing the "constructive" approach. The same goes for the younger generation of Oriental politicians.

WHAT DOES seem clear now is that the "politics of the clenched fist and the loud mouth" adopted successfully in the past by the Black Panthers and other slum protest groups appear to have exhausted their potential as an engine of mass protest. Violent outbursts and verbal assaults ("Ashke Nazim") will continue to erupt from the depths of the slums, but these are not likely to jell into a protest movement.

The Panthers succeeded as a protest movement in that they forced the establishment to put the issue of the neglected slum areas on the political agenda. But once the establishment accepted responsibility for solving this problem, the Panthers' movement lost its momentum and disintegrated.

The small size of the country and the almost instantaneous impact of brief social outbursts on the political system, as transmitted by the mass media, have also dampened the potential for a social explosion. A sustained social upheaval in the classic mould — mass demonstrations, large-scale confrontations between protestors and the authorities, and mass mobilization for a cause — have become practically anachronistic in an era when small incidents are magnified

by the media, particularly television. Several years ago, for example, an illegal settlement in Jerusalem led by a clever neighbourhood thug (remember the Ohalim?) riveted the attention of the entire country for weeks and won the leader a meeting with the prime minister. Kfar Shalem was something of a replay of this episode, though unplanned and with tragic consequences for the Yehoshua family.

Such incidents serve as "reminders" to the establishment that unsolved problems still exist but are not necessary for defining the problem in the first place.

ANOTHER way to attract the attention of the media and send tremors through the political system is to organize small underground cells aimed at political vandalism, sabotage and even personal terrorism. This channel for slum protests was used several years ago by the so called Ma'atz gang.

This, too, is a more economical way of making a point, without the laborious and unglamorous work of organizing a grass-roots movement. It is unlikely, however, that such clandestine gangs could survive for long in the smothering intimacy of Israeli society, which lacks the vast, impersonal urban settings in which these groups thrive elsewhere.

In claiming that there is little potential for a mass protest movement of the underprivileged, we shouldn't overlook the obvious. Israeli society provides many alternative channels for dissipating the frustrations of slum existence: crime, which has become big business in the last decade;

emigration; football, with the Shimshon club arms cache a perfect example of displaced social protest; and, last but not least, Herut politics (Begin! Begin!). To make our point, it is even possible to dispense with the old cliché that wretches it not for our external conflict with the Arabs, Israel would be torn apart from within.

NOR SHOULD we overlook the fact that the underprivileged live in better conditions and have greater opportunities now than they did some 10 years ago, despite a certain worsening of their economic condition since 1977 due to high inflation and to the erosion of the value of the child allowances paid by National Insurance. But what may appear as objective improvement to a middle-class observer may be the source of even greater frustration to a slum-dweller, if he believes that the gap between himself and the others has widened as the others race ahead with their trips abroad, video sets and villas in Samaria. On the other hand, if the boundary between the underclass and the vast middle class remains as open as it has been in the last 10 years, then the slum-dweller can picture himself one day living a comfortable, if not luxurious life.

"Relative deprivation," then, as the sociologists call it, holds the main key to the level of discontent generated by objective inequality. But the ways in which this discontent will be expressed politically, or diverted to other targets, depends on factors beyond the discontent itself. And for the foreseeable future, these factors point away from a mass upheaval.

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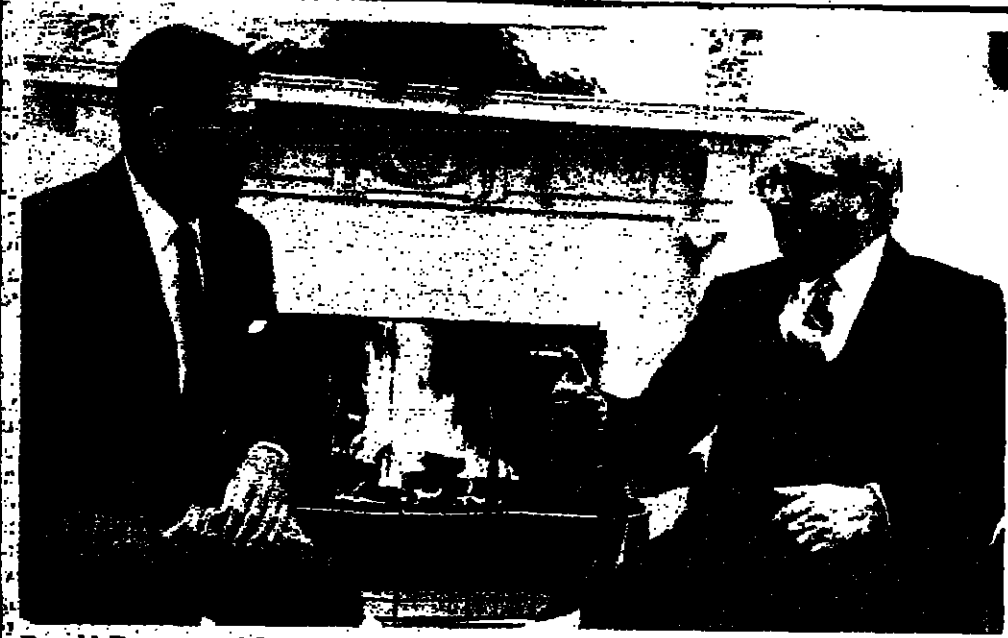
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The Jerusalem Post's Judy Siegel-Itzkovich reviews the Navons' 10-day visit to the United States



Ronald Reagan and Yitzhak Navon.

(Ya'acov Sa'ar)

Between the raindrops



Nancy Reagan and Ofira Navon.

(Ya'acov Sa'ar)

PRESIDENT YITZHAK NAVON returns home Sunday without any diplomatic agreements in his suitcase — he never intended to engage in politics or negotiations — but he leaves behind a great measure of understanding and appreciation of Israel's case.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin, although perhaps worried about Navon's possible future plans, should be more than pleased by the president's successes among angry critics and frustrated friends of Israel. Navon arrived in the U.S. at a critical time in American-Israeli relations, and a time of much confusion among American Jewry. He disarmed and charmed both groups by using frankness and openness as his major weapons.

In Washington, Boston, New York and even in the small college town of Athens, Georgia (where Ofira Navon paid a visit), the question everyone was asking was whether Navon would be Israel's next prime minister — as if the complexities of Israel's political system could be reduced to the American model of a popular candidate striving for the top of the ticket.

American papers generally claimed that the 10-day visit was a "resting of the waters" by Navon, and one New York daily even sug-

gested that the president had come to the city to have secret meetings with millionaires to seek their financial support for his supposed campaign.

THE QUESTION annoyed Navon, but it did not surprise him. He stepped elegantly between the raindrops and responded, every time, that it was appropriate that he should announce his plans only in Israel, among his own people, and that his American questioners would have to wait until he did so next month.

But Navon never gave even a hint that he was running. He never used a single encounter with American groups — Jewish or gentile — to criticize Begin. He repeatedly emphasized those areas of consensus in Israel — against the PLO and a Palestinian state, against a return to the pre-67 borders, and for a "United Jerusalem as Israel's capital" — knowing full well that the American image of Israel is of a highly fractured, divided society.

He also went out of his way to praise President Ronald Reagan for his "sincere support for the State of Israel and its security," pointing out that Reagan "in his own way believes that his initiative is for the good of Israel," but not voicing sup-

port for the controversial peace initiative.

Navon was so careful to avoid commenting on controversial matters that he would not be drawn into making a statement of support for the Reform and Conservative Jewish movements' demands for rabbinical recognition in Israel, even though he personally favours religious pluralism as a means of uniting the Jewish people.

NAVON DID NOT encounter universal antipathy to Begin and his policies. A number of top-ranking intellectuals and professors, whom he invited for a conversation in Boston, admitted that they are "out of touch" with grass-roots opinion and do not speak for Americans in general or the Jewish community in particular.

But when others attacked Begin for his West Bank policies and claimed that Israeli Arabs had been turned into "second-class citizens," Navon countered forcefully and vehemently, explaining Begin's philosophy without himself endorsing it.

If Navon annoyed anybody, it was American Jews who don't like hearing that they are living in exile and that they should trade their "barren yet comfortable life for a challenging

life in Israel."

American Jewish groups he met — and he visited a broad swathe of the community, from Orthodox to secular and unaffiliated — seem to see nothing wrong with singing the Star Spangled Banner and the Hatikva one after the other with equal enthusiasm.

The groups are not accustomed to hearing aliyah appeals from Israeli leaders, they prefer appeals for donations instead. When Boston Jewish community leaders spent the first half-hour of their rally appealing for help in "smearing 200 pounds of cream cheese on bagels" for the following Sunday's fund-raising activities, Navon pointedly disregarded the matter, he called for aliyah instead.

There is no reason to doubt Navon's sincerity when he declared that his meeting with 1,500 potential immigrants in New York was the "highlight" of his visit. He clearly delighted in meeting so many future Israeli citizens, and in bolstering their confidence about aliyah, rather than having to speak to an audience that was unlikely ever to consider such a step.

OFIRA NAVON, attracting much favourable comment because of her good looks and the beautiful Israeli

fashions she had brought along, proved that she had a good mind, too. She planned her side visits — to her graduate school in Georgia, to a school for gifted children and a college for the deaf — with great care and thought, and arrived with Israeli-made gifts of books, games and recordings. Her press conferences were well-attended, and she skillfully represented Israel at every occasion.

But even before she boarded the plane, she had become a target of unfair press criticism — mostly in the Labour Party's *Davar*, which had claimed that she intended to push her way into a meeting with the UN secretary-general to promote her proposal for a refuge city for orphan children.

There are those in the Navon party who believe the story emanated from Labour sources worried by the idea of a Navon candidacy who wanted to warn Navon what is in store for him if he decides to run.

As soon as she arrived, a number of Israeli reporters — based in the U.S. or accompanying the party — wrote articles attacking Mrs. Navon. She had spent "hundreds of dollars" on a fur hat, claimed one report, when in fact the actual price had been \$117 for a hat to protect

her from the winter cold. Other reports claimed she had "embarrassed" her husband by not appearing at a Washington assembly of Jews. In fact, Navon himself had appealed to Ofira to rest and not to attend because she was tired out by other appearances. It was also claimed that she had "pushed her way" into a luncheon meant for men only at the White House. In fact, she merely shook Reagan's hand at the White House.

Although both Reagan and his wife had invited Navon and his wife to Washington for the "official working visit," Nancy Reagan was not present at the White House to receive Ofira (she was in California), and Mrs. Navon was thus not included in the White House luncheon. But Mrs. Reagan invited Mrs. Navon to tea in the Red Room two days later.

Ofira was so upset by the press reports that she broke down privately, and was unable to appear in public for 24 hours. Navon called reporters aside during the flight from Boston to New York, defending his wife and pointing out that the press had been unfair.

"If you want to criticize a speech saying it was too long or not good, say so. But why write such nonsense about hats and embarrass me?"

THE PRESS had earlier claimed that Ofira intended to "steal the show" from her husband, but instead the press almost stole the show from Navon himself by brewing a storm in a teacup.

After the president's protests, a few journalists interviewed Mrs. Navon. She charged that the press was guilty of "character assassination" and that she had been treated unfairly.

It is a pity that Navon was forced to expend some of his energy in defending Israel against its critics. Nevertheless his visit was a success — and hardly a pleasure trip. The president hates to repeat himself in his speeches, but he found himself giving dozens of addresses, to groups large and small, explaining the basics about Israel.

He was a good, patient teacher, never missing an opportunity to persuade and explain. And he proved a fine diplomat and ambassador, never providing ammunition for those who claimed he had made the trip to launch a political campaign.

The writer, a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff, accompanied the presidential party on its U.S. tour.

Tefillin anyone?

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week, with Health Minister Eliezer Shostak shrugging: "Don't ask me. Ask the doctors."

We've been led to understand that the trip was opposed by Dr. Henry Neufeld of the Sheba Medical Centre, who is also president of the International Society of Cardiology. But the Health Ministry committee which supported the trip was also influenced by the opinion of Prof. Danny Gery, head of the cardiac surgery department at Sheba. According to family sources, Dr. Gery said that even the best surgeon might not perform well under the stress of operating on a senior minister. Our sources say that the two eminent professors took virtually the same positions on Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren's Cleveland heart surgery a couple of years back.

I CERTAINLY HOPE that author-broadcaster Yitzhak Ben-Ner won't get in trouble for his comments this week on Gali Zahal. Referring to talk about King Hussein's possible involvement in peace talks, Ben-Ner said that the U.S.'s problem "is how to conduct talks with the Palestinians without seeming to deal with them, while Jordan's dilemma is how to deal with Israel while appearing to have nothing to do with the Jewish State." He concluded: "As for Israel, the problem is how to negotiate without been seen giving or taking."

HOT AND COLD. All is not always well between Finance Minister Yoram Aridor and his deputy, Haim Kaufman. At a Herut Secretariat last week, Aridor concluded an argument with the words, "I'm to understand that you bother me with this matter here, for the simple reason that I never see you at the ministry."

Nevertheless, Aridor supported Kaufman when the latter, in his capacity as Herut's municipal affairs chief, vetoed the Herzliya branch's choice of ex-Sharon aide (and Shechem head) Eli Landau as its candidate for mayor. At Metzu Zev, I was told that Landau's involvement in a particular court case acted as a barrier to his candidacy.

THAT HUMAN DYNAMO, Iris Kreiner, has been asked by aides of both Deputy Premier and Housing Minister David Levy and Deputy Housing Minister Moshe Katzar to return to the Ministry. The U.S.-born Kreiner, who heads Herut's English-speaking departments, spent some time last year working on Project Renewal.

AGUDAT YISRAEL is experiencing black days, with increasing friction between the hassidim, led by Gerer Rebbe Shlomo Benaim Alter and the "Lubavitcher" Misnagdim of Rabbi Eliezer Schach. I'm told that a major reason is Schach's refusal to acknowledge the remote-control from Brooklyn of the Lubavitcher Rebbe Menachem Schneerson, whose Habad movement has hung itself into Aguda intrigues with a passion. The Habadniks dislike Schach for having criticized them for his reply to their enjoiner to work with them "to help bring the Messiah." Schach is said to have quipped: "I thought you feel he's already arrived."

PRESSING ISSUES. Bar Ilan University's new communications and journalism unit was launched

with an interesting description of journalistic work by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. He said: "The public does not have the absolute right to know everything. Journalists don't have the duty to tell all. Israeli newsmen do harm to the national interest for their own professional advancement."

Speaking of leaks, Shamir had this to say: "Although the man who leaks state secrets is mainly to blame, the newsmen cannot go scot free. The criminal code has punishments for those who trade in stolen goods."

I HAVE LEARNED that Shamir informed our ambassador to Lisbon, Herut veteran Dov Milman that he won't be our next envoy to London. Instead, he offered Milman either Brasilia or Canberra. Nonetheless, Shamir is said to be intent on sending a political appointee to London, but has not yet named a candidate.

SILENCE BROKEN. Herutniks have noticed that after two years of silence, Amette Duhai has again had some anti-Begin articles published, including one in *The New York Times*. Party men set a clear connection between this development and the re-election of her husband, Arye Duhai, as chairman of the Jewish Agency.

BELETED MEMORIAL. After a 60-year lapse, the memory of Zionist thinker Max Nordau will be honoured at his Tel Aviv graveside on Tuesday. A public committee headed by Haifa University professor Yosef Nedava is organizing the ceremony. Contacted by phone, Nedava told me that although Nordau died in Paris on January 20, 1923, his remains were finally brought here in 1926.

Kol Yisrael will broadcast a programme about Nordau tomorrow. For that purpose, radio reporter Carmela Menashe called the Zionist leader's 85-year-old painter daughter Maxa in Paris. The artist, who spoke in English, told the reporter "It's good my father never lived to see the goings on at the 30th Congress. It would have been a very sad day for him."

CANADIAN Ambassador Vernon Turner gave a reception at his Ramat Hasharon residence this week for those involved in the first production of a Hebrew anthology of Canadian prose, translated by

Arye Hashavia and jointly published by the Canada council and the Hebrew Publishers Association. Among the guests were anthology editor Marlon Richmond, Hebrew Publishers' Association director Shmuel Seid, and two of the 25 authors whose works are in the book — Morley Callaghan and Naim Kattan. The latter, we'd note, is a Jew born in Iraq. On Wednesday, Premier Begin received the Canadians, who presented him with the anthology. The book also contains a story by Canadian Premier Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

CANDIDATES. Amnon Goldenberg's four-year term as President of the Bar Association ends in February. Two candidates have declared themselves — Labour's Prof. David Libal and Herut's Menahem Berger.

IT IS JUST OVER a year since the ultimate death of the kibbutz movement leader Misha Harif in a traffic accident in which his wife Moriah and son Hagai also perished. Misha's home kibbutz, Tsora, is holding a memorial discussion on Labour Movement ideology on Monday evening. The United Kibbutz movement, which he helped form, has already decided to name a new kibbutz in the Negev after Harif.

GERMAN VISITOR. Rolf Penck, the prominent German artist, is in Israel for a month. The artist, who made news a couple of years ago by defecting to the West from East Germany, is working on an album

called *Expedition to the Holy Land* for art dealer Joshua Gessel.

Penck also dabbles in experimental film and jazz music, and according to Tel Aviv Museum director Marc Scheep, the Museum has scheduled a simultaneous screening-concert of Penck's works early next month.

Penck's book will be produced at the Israel Museum's Burston Graphics Centre. The centre's director, Nehama Hillman, was host to Penck at a weekend reception, where the guests included Israel Museum director Martin Weyl, poet-translator T. Carmi, writer Amos Elon and his editor wife Beth, and *At* magazine editor Devora Lewin. Lewin and Beth Elon were also the editors — in Hebrew and English, respectively — of Sazy David's new Sephardi cookbook.

TRIPLE BIRTHDAY. Knesset Education Committee chairman Ora Namir last weekend honoured three well-known Israelis on their birthdays. Two of the guests of honour — painter Shmuelson Holzman (75) and poet Nathan Zach (52) admitted their age, while the third — Cameri Theatre actress Zaharira Harifal, did not. The guests, from politics, literature and the media, included Yitzhak and Lea Rabin, former ambassador to Pretoria Yosef Harmelin and his wife, Sarika; Technion president Prof. Josef Singer; Ya'acov Ahlmeir and Zvi Shapira of Israel TV; poet-columnist Haim Hefer, writer Shlomo Shiva, playwright Hamech Levin and poet Asharon Almog.

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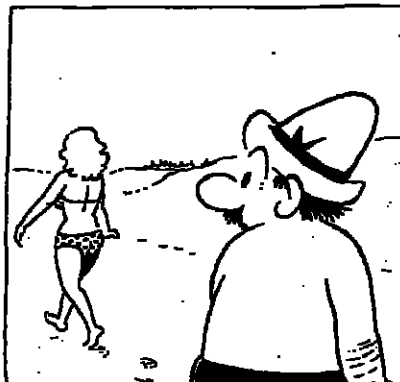
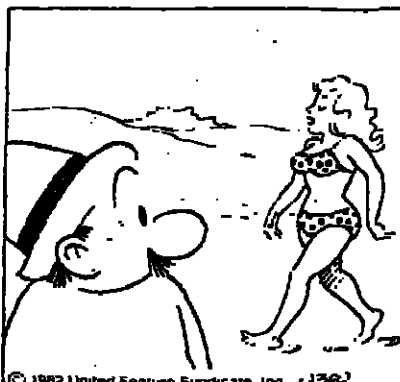
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AN ACQUAINTANCE of mine, knowing that I am a writer, recently asked if I had ever written anything about being a widow. Perhaps my own feelings and experiences might be of help to other women, she suggested, especially in this land where widowhood is, sadly, so common.

I hesitated, wondering what my story, that of a young American woman widowed by a car accident, could do for the Israeli widow of a pilot or an infantryman. Then I thought again — about feelings, not circumstances — and realized there is indeed much to be shared.

No matter how it happens, the death of a loved one is difficult to deal with. If it is from an illness, though, at least there's time to prepare for the end. When death is sudden and unexpected, whether resulting from accident, war or heart failure, there is no preparation for the instantaneous void. One minute the person is there, the next minute, he's not. It is as simple — and as devastating — as that.

Our minds struggle to protect us from unpleasantness. Thus, we feel an "unreality" about what is happening; events just seem to swirl around us as in a dream.

In my case, this was even more pronounced. The van which killed Howard also put me into the hospital intensive-care unit. It was several days before I came to fully, and several more before I found any meaning at all in what people were saying to me. I understood — but I didn't understand. The web my mind had spun around itself was thick and tight; I didn't even have the experience of his funeral to pierce through it and bring clarity.

Moreover, even as the truth does penetrate, it does so layer by layer. We begin to pick up the strings of our lives, and people around us sigh in relief at our adjustment. They do not know — nor do we — the sudden, excruciating pain that comes when the final layer has been cut through and the horrible reality at last strikes our core.

If we are lucky, as I was, we have gentle and caring family and friends to ease us through the trauma. Even today, nine years later, the images in my mind are clear: of sitting cross-legged on the bed, shaking and sobbing, with my sister on the other end of the phone, half a continent away; of my mother-in-law, herself a widow, talking quietly of her own experiences; of my father, wordlessly holding my hand in a darkened room.

It amazes me how much my mind has blocked out (I recall nothing of the accident itself and pray I never will), and yet how many tiny things stand out clearly.

Like the letter of a very understanding friend, which I tucked into my skirt pocket for comfort as I left for synagogue on Yom Kippur, three weeks after the accident. Like hearing our closest friends softly telling the photographer, at his wedding the next month, that there was no best man. Like silently crying over birthday flowers wired by friends in another state, who did not know their floral choice had been Howard's favorite. I remember — and I cherish each memory.

Out of our own pain can grow understanding of that of others. We can acknowledge that everyone must deal with it in his or her own way. We can appreciate their need to memorialize, to share sorrow



Widow

Addie Drecksler describes how she came to terms with the sudden death of her husband.

aloud or on paper, to run nonstop as an emotional release, to sit motionless and stare at nothing. We can accept the receiving reams of sympathetic words from only marginal friends while hearing not a word from closest cousins.

Pain is not the only emotion of the moment. There is also anger. Why, we ask a thousand times a day, why him? Why now?

My own anger found two outlets. The immediate one was God — how could He allow this to happen? Where was the righteousness and the mercy I'd always learned were His attributes? I could not even say Kaddish. How could I reaffirm the greatness of one who lets corrupt men live 75 full years while ending so soon the life of my good, honest, loved-by-all husband?

Then I saw him in the courtroom, spruced up and looking like a choirboy. I heard his attorney enter the guilty plea and the judge sentence him to five years in jail — of which he'd serve about 18 months — and indefinite driving probation.

It was many months before I was able to believe again or to pray, to come to an acceptance of life's world's basic unfairness.

Later I found a more concrete outlet for anger: the youth whose drunkenness on that one evening had changed my whole life. With my "bleeding-heart liberal" attitude, I'd consistently insisted that no punishment the court could mete out would bring Howard back, so what did it matter? I did not want revenge, only the youth's remorse, which would lead to his reform.

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My wise mother-in-law smothered those irrational thoughts with four simple words: "It wasn't your turn."

And very few of us can avoid the "if only" syndrome — "if only" some tiny detail had been different, it wouldn't have happened. My list went on endlessly. If only — we had done our errands in a different

order and gone home by a different route, or we had spent one minute more or less at our last stop and hadn't reached that particular intersection at that particular second in time.

The possibilities are endless, and all are equally futile. All we can do in the final analysis is to accept that what happened, happened, and, if we are fatalistic by nature, that if it hadn't happened, something else would have. It was *his* turn.

Perhaps the most meaningless-sounding phrase of the day is "Time heals." How can it when time seems not to pass at all, we think.

If there are children, their natural day-to-day needs keep us moving. If there aren't, we drift — until the day comes when we tire of the drifting.

One morning I woke and knew that I could not go on as I was, a homeless waif moving from relative to relative for comfort. If I was ever to get back into my life, I had to form a plan of action — now — even if it meant forcing myself to follow it. It would not be easy, but I had to start.

For me, school was the answer. With a full load of courses, I had classes to fill my days and assignments to fill my nights. (Of course I also saw a lot of television on those many evenings when I could not concentrate on my reading.)

Memories can also be killers. I found I was suffocating in rooms filled with memories. One day, I took a large box and packed into it all the photos and souvenirs and mementos, sealed it, and stored it away. I was not closing Howard into that box — he was still very much in my mind and heart — but I was making my living more bearable.

(This year I opened the box for the first time. I cried a great deal, going over everything again, but it was a different kind of tears.)

Slowly we re-enter the world outside ourselves. We talk and smile and even laugh with others. And if we still cry ourselves to sleep alone in our beds, we are nevertheless progressing. Time is indeed beginning to dull the pain.

We can accelerate the process. Talking — to a therapist, friend, or another widow — helps. Despite comments I heard to the contrary, people do want to listen.

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Survival course

Fears and frustrations get talked out at Lucy Shahr's workshops for new immigrants. Anne Levine reports on the project.

ALIYA is a sore subject these days that many people discuss but do nothing about. Lucy Shahr, herself an immigrant, is a notable exception.

"How to Survive Israel" is the name of the six-to-eight-week workshop series Shahr conducts at absorption centers all over the country, to help English-speaking immigrants adjust to life in Israel. The enterprising Shahr, a Yom Kippur War widow, first came on aliyah some 15 years ago.

"Lucy has obviously been through it herself," according to one participant at a session of Shahr's "survival" course, held recently at WUJS (World Union of Jewish Students) in Arad. "She has answers to questions I haven't even thought to ask." Another participant said he found the weekly three-hour sessions "very American" and therapeutic with their "how-to" approach.

Shahr leads her students through fun and instructive role-playing exercises, presenting them with real-life situations which they may encounter and have to cope with in Israel.

One such scenario is that of an immigrant mother whose child gets sick on Shabbat. After measuring his temperature with a Fahrenheit thermometer, the mother takes the feverish child to the local emergency clinic where she is confronted by a system unfamiliar to her.

Everything takes too much time and the results are frustration, dissatisfaction, anger.

Shahr helps workshop participants see what "stress-reducing" options they can exercise in such situations. In this one, for instance, the mother could take along an Israeli who "knows the ropes," or could leave the sick child at home, go to take a number, and come back later. Even a small detail like buying a Centigrade thermometer could ease her way.

Beyond handy how-to's, Shahr's course also provides an opportunity for new immigrants to voice their fears ("What if I don't make it?"), and frustrations ("Me, with my MA — I feel so dumb talking first-grade Hebrew!"). She encourages and helps people to tap their inner resources, to be aware of what problems to expect, and to be ready to face them.

Although the workshops provide a necessary forum for self-examination, and a framework for group support which is vital to strangers in a new place, Shahr says she tries to keep the meetings from becoming "a group gripe sessions."

"Of course, people complain and even cry," she says, "but I think the sessions help to strengthen them too. We talk about ways to get along here without 'selling out'."

"Sometimes one has to give up some of one's self in order to adjust — call it flexibility or willingness to change. A rigid person will have a hard time of it here."

Shahr recalls the "culture shock" she first had when coming to Israel, and her years of teaching history to disgruntled teenaged immigrants at the American International School in Kfar Shmaryahu. Together with her formal training — she returned this year from a two-year stint in Washington, D.C. directing workshops for future immigrants — these experiences have helped her design "How to Survive Israel," initiated earlier this year.

"The programme is based on the assumption that the process of adjustment to another culture represents a major life transition," Shahr explains in her course outline. "To a great extent, it can be



Lucy Shahr (Roni Sherman)

understood, monitored and controlled, and individuals can be trained in survival and communications skills vital to successful adaptation to Israel.

Commented one participant at the WUJS session, "Lucy herself, is more than an instructor" (Shahr calls herself a "facilitator") — for she is an example. Besides, her own funny stories about what she went through help us to laugh at ourselves, too."

Another participant did laugh as she described how "lowered expectations" — a concept Shahr works on with her groups — helped her get through a job-interview day. As I slipped up on the bus to Tel Aviv, I told myself that even if I only got a felaful and two hours at the Diaspora Museum it wouldn't be a total loss.

"As it turned out, everything went fine, but I was ready for the possible disappointments. I went into the day flexible, ready to bend so that set-back wouldn't make me give up."

The WUJS workshop held that day focussed on the difference between Diaspora and Israeli Jewry and was a continuation of the previous week's discussion on the "letting go" process involved in changing cultures.

Shahr warmed the group up by asking them to give in one word their first association with the concept "being Jewish." "Holidays," "family" and other responses were given and seemed fairly predictable, but the WUJS students were surprised when Shahr told them Israelis gave none of the same associations, having answered "history," "land," "Eretz Yisrael."

"When I asked Israelis the same question," she explained, "they scarcely knew what I meant. It took them much longer to come up with far fewer things." Following discussion on this, she added that the immigrants' "associations are those of the Galut Jew who is in the minority, while the Israeli answers have nothing to do with being in the minority."

However, she said, "If you come here to be more Jewish in the Jewish homeland, you may find yourself yet again in a minority. This is one of the painful dilemmas and ironies for the new immigrant."

"One of the things that you are confronted with in Israel is deciding what kind of Jew you can and will be here."

Concluding yet another three-hour session, Shahr got in the car to drive back to Ramat Hasharon where she lives with her 10-year-old son, Arif. At WUJS, after filling out her evaluation forms, the students spoke of the "survival" session, agreeing that it had helped them all in some way.

She is currently trying to work out a course for *shlimim* to acquaint them with transition processes, potential *olim* go through, and says she would also like to offer a course for families of *shlimim* to help them adjust to life in America.

(A new Survival Course has just begun at Tel Aviv's ZOA House.)

TO HOME dress-makers, the West German "Burda" home dress-making magazine represents a fashion bible. In Israel, it is especially popular in Mea Shearim, Bnei Brak and other areas with orthodox populations, because it helps the observant Jewish woman to be up-to-date in her manner of attire, without compromising her religious principles.

This year, for the first time, Israelis can see the new Burda creations not just as photographs in catalogues, but straight out of the design studio. Top designers in New York, Milan and Paris were commissioned to create new concepts for world-wide distribution. These were subsequently made up in Burda's own studio, and the most representative garments sent abroad on tour.

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Burda is not burdened by the commercial considerations imposed on fashion manufacturers. Because it markets patterns and not finished garments, Burda can permit itself a much wider range of styles to suit different tastes and age groups. This includes children's and men's wear as well as women's apparel. The Burda catalogues, instruction manuals also include embroidery, macramé, knitting and weaving for home craft enthusiasts.

All sewn up

Greer Fay Cashman

In a fashion show at the Jerusalem Hilton recently (when clothes by Gingette, Maskit and Papoo were also shown, in aid of Micha Association for the Deaf) the Burda wear was by and large ultra feminine, the mood enhanced by long flowing sleeves, ruffled necklines and hemlines, detailed yokes and soft, sensuous fabrics. Some of the items were

slightly out-dated, for instance prairie dresses and mannish pin-striped gangster suits which Israeli designers were showing a year ago. Likewise, in evening wear, the emphasis on gold glitter was misplaced. But the neo and semi-classics in tweeds, houndstooth checks and large plaids feminised by velvet collars and piping were completely a la mode with delightful cropped, double breasted bell-boys' jackets paired with slim fitting matador pants, abbreviated Chanel jackets teamed with straight and dirndl skirts and huge matching shawls adding drama to plain full circle skirts. Culottes were greatly in evidence in both elegant and sporty styles. In the latter there were also chequered plus-fours topped by corduroy blazers. There were occasional startling colour combinations and extremes in proportions such as a big boxy bright daffodil yellow three-quarter length poodle coat worn over a pencil slim black skirt and black tailored blouse.

Burda offers every extreme in

shape and tone from the severely straight to the exaggerated puff, from the most muted greys to brilliant turquoise and crimson in solids, stripes, tapestry prints and jacquards. There is literally something for everyone.

UNFORTUNATELY, the same cannot be said of an earlier world-wide fashion tour organized by the International Wool Secretariat, whose display at the Carlton Penta in Tel Aviv, could hardly be classed as having universal appeal. If the prime intention was to demonstrate the scope of texture and colour interplay with wool as the only or major yarn, one could reluctantly admit that the effort was successful, but style-wise, it was unimaginative, unattractive and unflattering to the models who vainly did their best to give it some panache. The 40 knits produced in worsted, lambswool and extra fine merino in lack-lustre single items and co-ordinations seemed out of harmony with each other.

WHEN ORANGES are in season, I remember that delicious cakes can be made that are neither chocolate nor cheese.

Orange Ring Cake
This cake is popular because it is so moist. The secret is that you add the orange juice after you bake the cake.

1 C. unsalted margarine
1 C. sugar
3 egg yolks
1 C. sour cream (or *leben* or *eshel*)
grated rind of 1 orange
2 cups sifted cake flour or 1½ cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
3 egg whites

Cream margarine and sugar. Add egg yolks, sour cream (or *leben* or *eshel*) and orange rind. Beat until light and fluffy. Sift together flour, baking powder and baking soda. Stir dry ingredients into the first mixture. Beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry. Carefully fold them into the batter.

Bake in a greased and floured 9-inch Bundt or tube pan, at 325°F. for one hour. Remove from oven

and let stand about 10 minutes. Loosen carefully around the edge and turn out on a plate with a rim. Pour hot Orange Syrup slowly over top of cake.

Orange Syrup
Juice of 2 oranges
Juice of 1 lemon
¼ C. sugar
Combine ingredients in a small saucepan and boil gently for three or four minutes.

Orange-Filled Cake
3 C. cake flour
¼ tsp. salt
¾ tsp. baking powder
grated rind of 1 orange
1½ C. sugar
150 gr. unsalted margarine
3 eggs
½ C. orange juice
½ C. water
2 tbs. lemon juice
Cream margarine and sugar. Add orange rind and then eggs, one at a time. Sift together flour, salt and baking powder. Mix together orange juice, water and lemon juice. Add the flour mixture in about

Seeing orange

Esther Hecht

three parts to the margarine mixture, alternating with the liquid. Mix the batter after each addition until smooth.

Bake in three greased 9-inch round layer pans at 375°F. for about 30 minutes. When the cake is cool, spread Orange Custard Filling between the layers and dust the top of the cake with powdered sugar.

Orange Custard Filling
¼ C. sugar
5 tbs. flour
¼ tsp. salt
1 C. milk
½ C. orange juice
1 egg

In the top of a double boiler, over — not in — hot water, stir the sugar, flour and salt. Add the milk

and stir until smooth. Then stir in the orange juice. Cook for about 10 minutes, stirring frequently.

Beat the egg slightly. Beat about one-third of the sauce into it. Return it to the pan and continue to cook and stir for about two minutes or until it thickens. Cool, then spread on the cake.

Fresh Orange Squares
This is a small, simple orange cake.
1 C. brown sugar
1 egg
1 C. all-purpose flour
1 large orange, peeled and cut into fine pieces
½ C. chopped walnuts or pecans

Beat sugar and egg on high speed for three minutes. Stir in flour, orange and nuts. Spread in greased 9x9x2" pan. Bake at 350°F. 30 to 35 minutes, or until golden brown. While warm, spread with Orange Glaze. Cool and cut into one-and-a-half-inch squares. Makes 36 squares.

Orange Glaze
Mix 2 tablespoons grated orange peel, ½-cup powdered sugar and 2 tablespoons water until smooth.

Orange Oatmeal Cookies
50 gr. unsalted margarine
1 C. brown sugar
1 egg
½ C. sifted all-purpose flour
¼ tsp. baking soda
2 tbs. orange juice
1 tbs. grated orange rind
½ tsp. salt
½ C. raisins
1 C. rolled oats
½ C. chopped pecans

Beat margarine and sugar together until creamy. Beat in egg. In a separate bowl mix together flour, baking soda and salt. Add orange juice, rind, oats and raisins. Blend into egg mixture. Add nuts. Use a teaspoon to form cookies on greased cookie sheets. Bake at 350°F. for 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Let cookie sheets stand on a rack for five minutes. Use a greased spatula to remove cookies carefully. Yields 30 to 35 cookies.

You may vary these cookies by using ¼-cup finely chopped dates or prunes instead of the pecans.

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Lord of the jungle

By HELGA DUDMAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter

"THOU WAST actually raised by apes? How fascinating!"

This marvellous snatch of dialogue was uttered some weeks ago on television's *Tarzan* series, to which I have become addicted ever since stumbling on it about 20 plots ago. And to prove that this is serious journalism of record, here are a few more lines that are now etched on my heart:

"I believe there is a fair young maiden in that balloon!"

"Wealth is no longer important to me!"

"I fear Jill has been snared!"

"Father! Some apes have taken Tarzan!"

"The only man I ever respected (sob) is leaving!"

To be sure, a shadow of disappointment flickered across my heart that first time, when it became apparent that this was not going to be Buster Crabbe or Johnny Weissmuller, but animated cartoons. But I soon realized the superiority of this genre over merely real rippling muscles.

It would take a tawdry set of tricks to get Tarzan swinging over a chasm from a jungle vine, were it for real. And he's so much bigger and more beautiful and less sweaty than some dumb athlete would be in the part.

This Tarzan is about eight feet tall, and walks around in his Delta shorts with the most magnificent loping gait these eyes have ever seen.

And I don't have to worry that Nekima, the monkey on his shoulder, has been drugged or harassed for the role, or the rhinoceros abused or the lions shouted at.

In the first instalment I saw (it is terrible to think of how many I missed) there were these bad threatening gorillas, but then Tarzan bested their leader in battle, and said, "Now they will do my bidding, for I have bested their leader in battle."

NERVOUSLY looking for some justification for this lapse into escapism, I thought perhaps some political analogy might be squeezed out of the episode: let's see, which

of our superheroes might do... No, that one's much too fat to swing from even the strongest vine, and it wouldn't do to see him constantly in his undershorts. So I gave up the idea and just relaxed, as in a bubble bath.

The introductory lines for each episode are always the same, a valuable rock of support in these shifting times, and they too are etched in my heart. There's little baby Tarzan, and the voice-over says,

"The Jungle — here I was born. I was but an infant when my parents died, and I would have perished had not a kindly she-ape, Coco" (this may be wrong, an intrusion from *Fame*) adopted me."

He goes on about friendship and trust of all animals, but actually I am not sure this is a good programme for children, though Tarzan's war-whoop is quite widely heard in the streets of Tiberias, and may well outlive video games.

It's like learning history from Disneyland — the stories are full of hidden cities with names like Nimer or Zamoor, with spires and moats and things; the characters have names like Yuri (a pale negro) or Lira (an initially wicked queen with a very small nose) or Odysseus, who was a bad king; there was Orlando, who was "13 summers old," Thea's little brother.

It is all a skewed version of some culture-or-other, but what? Hellenistic, Visigothic, Roman, Middle-High-Celtic? Once it was identified as "descendants of English Crusaders," but there are also space-ships and lady anthropologists, and a lady journalist who at the end tears up the book she has written, because she doesn't want civilization to come and spoil this lost city.

I should add that I watch all these wonders, as indeed I view the whole world, strictly in black and white, how else can anyone tell the good from the bad? Besides, in ghastly colour, all that pea-green jungle and those tangerine-hued lady anthropologists would be too much for the naked eye.

I haven't found a mention of Edgar Rice Burroughs, our hero's creator, in any one of my three reference books, but I feel sure that some Ph.D. theses on "Tarzan of the Apes: Ur-Tarzan of the Tarzan of Lord of the Jungle" will be with us before too long.

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useful. His speech, as I have indicated, is a very infectious sort of neo-Sir-Walter-Scott, and in this modern, conservationist version, a long way from "Me Tarzan-Yo Jane." Sometimes a character you, as in "From whence comest thou?" But this probably won't damage our impressionable youth, as the title, in Hebrew and Arabic, slip past like the wind, and all too much is lost in translation.

Tarzan is not terribly bright, which may be why he is so brave. The workings of his brain are practically invisible (bulge, bulge) under the brow of his tiny head, tiny in relation to that long, lanky height, and his eyes move earnestly, left, right, and left again, when he is trying to think. But that's fine. You don't want to discuss Wittgenstein with him, you want him to come and rescue you, as he always does. "Don't worry, honey, Tarzan won't fail," says the dumb American dad of Brian and Kelly (a WASP girl, speaking an inferior Americanese).

COME To think of it, this series is probably the answer to that plaintive cry, "Why doesn't TV show good news?" Here virtue, in Delta shorts, always triumphs, and the villains either see the error of their ways, or go humphing off into the distance, never to darken anybody's moat again, or hurt a baby elephant.

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A praiseworthy effort

TECHNION SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, Dalia Atlas conducting, with Peter Mark, contrabass, and Nanna Kagan, flute (Chamber Auditorium, Kiryat Harehov, January 4). Mozart: Concerto for Flute and Piano (K. 314). First movement: "Intercontinental Fête" (world premiere); Puccini: *Capriccio Sinfonico*; Mozart: *Requiem* (three parts).

THIS IS the 9th year in which Dalia Atlas has initiated the open concert project at Kiryat Harehov in which the orchestra includes students and teachers, amateurs and professionals (mostly from the Haifa Symphony Orchestra). Under such circumstances it is difficult to achieve homogeneity, unified tone production and optimal acoustic balance. The efforts of the energetic conductor, however, are undoubtedly praiseworthy, and this orchestra is an asset to the musical life of the Technion.

Three "firsts" made the programme both unconventional and attractive. Peter Mark, principal of the IPO, played the concerto composed by Virgilio Mortari (b. 1902) especially for the contrabassist Franco Petracchi (incidentally Mark's own teacher) with impressive dexterity and an enviable melodic tone. The work, an enjoyable, humorous music, fully exploits the possibility of the instrument, daringly ending with *La Campanella*.

Flutist Nanna Kagan charmingly played the solo in the very short extract from the orchestral suite *Intercontinental Fête*. Its composer,

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Jacques Morgenstern, came to Israel in 1980. Born in France, he studied with Alexander Tansman, Pierre Petit and Darius Milhaud. The whole suite has 24 short pieces for various instruments and orchestra, and what we heard this evening, a short, amusing and entertaining extract, left the audience in high spirits.

Another "first" was Puccini's early work *Capriccio Sinfonico*, full of easy-flowing melodies and dramatic effects, which was given a committed reading and provided pleasant listening.

Three extracts from Mozart's *Requiem* introduced the new Technion Choir, mostly young fresh voices, new to the choir experience and thus in need of improvement to blend well and develop dynamic gradings and sonority.

The evening was clearly a success with the audience, whose prolonged applause drew a repeat of the "Lacrimosa" as an encore.

ESTHER REUTER

THE ISRAELI CHAMBER ORCHESTRA, Uri Segal conducting, with Amir Arad, viola (Tel Aviv Museum, January 2). J.S. Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 4; Paganini: *Sonata for Viola and Orchestra*; Stravinsky: *Eight Instrumental Miniatures* (for 15 players); Haydn: *Symphony No. 97 in C major*.

NOT MUCH PLEASURE can be derived even from superb playing if the music is as bad as Paganini's *Sonata for Viola and Orchestra*. Amir Arad is undoubtedly a master of his instrument. Playing the Stradivarius owned by Paganini himself, Arad displayed sparkling virtuosity and a tone which recalled the brilliance of the violin. However, all these assets were wasted on a work of unreasonable emptiness, banality and pomposity. We got a glimpse of what Arad can do when given an opportunity in the Brandenburg Concerto in which he and violinist Gad Levtchenkov gave us some really impressive bowing.

After the ordeal of the Paganini *Sonata*, Stravinsky's *Miniatures* seemed like a refreshing breeze. Working with tiny motifs and limited compositional means, Stravinsky nevertheless created eight short, concise and captivating pieces. The performance was brisk and accurate; all fifteen players were constantly on the alert. Regrettably this cannot be said of the performance of the Haydn, which started promisingly but later displayed bad intonation in the violins and various dissonances.

Moreover, the symphony made the strange impression of advancing sectionally rather than flowing continuously.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

Providing flowers for the Sabbath

THE PUBLICATION of my weekly "Tora and Flora" column in the International Edition of *The Jerusalem Post* has brought me a surprisingly large amount of mail from all parts of the world, and it is my pleasure to devote a number of columns to answering these correspondents.

Mrs. Pnina Hartley of Glasgow has written that she is the only Jewish student in a course there on flower arrangement and horticulture. She is in her third and final year. Asked to write a paper on a subject of her choice, she thought of doing one on flowers and Judaism. The local minister drew her attention to my column and she acted on his suggestion of communicating with me to direct her to any relevant literature.

In my reply, I pointed out that most of the literature is in Hebrew, but I was able to indicate some in English. At the same time I noted the surprising fact that of the 90 plants mentioned in the Bible, only three are flowers: the *Shoshana*, the *Shoshanot* (usually translated lily and lily of the valley) and the *Havazelet Ha-Sharon*, rendered the Rose of Sharon.

I ALSO DREW her attention to a volume published bilingually, in English and French, by Brakha Avigad and Avinoam Danin, whose publication was made possible with

the aid of the Jerusalem Municipality and the Jerusalem Foundation. It is called *Flowers of Jerusalem* and gives details of 24 such flowers. The book is beautifully illustrated.

Curiously enough, not one of the flowers included in this book is one of those mentioned in the Bible. However, since the book does include wild flowers, it deals with some biblical plants, notably hyssop, mandrake and caper.

Mrs. Hartley's subject, of course was not the Bible and flowers, or Jerusalem and flowers, but Judaism and flowers, and I was able to add that I had come across the sole reference known to me in the rab-

bic literature on the beautiful and widespread custom of providing flowers for Sabbath.

It is in a peculiar context. In *Sanctus Rabbat 2.8.*, it states, "Just as the *Shoshana* is prepared for Sabbaths and festivals, so is Israel prepared for the Redemption of tomorrow."

I cannot write of flowers and Jerusalem and refrain from referring to the beautiful gesture made last year by the people of Holland after their government decided (as did other governments) to remove its embassy from Jerusalem. A group of Dutch people presented no less than 100,000 bulbs — lilies, tulips and daffodils — to Jerusalem. They came into full blossom on a most appropriate day, Jerusalem Day, and provided an entrancing sight with the splendour of their blooms.

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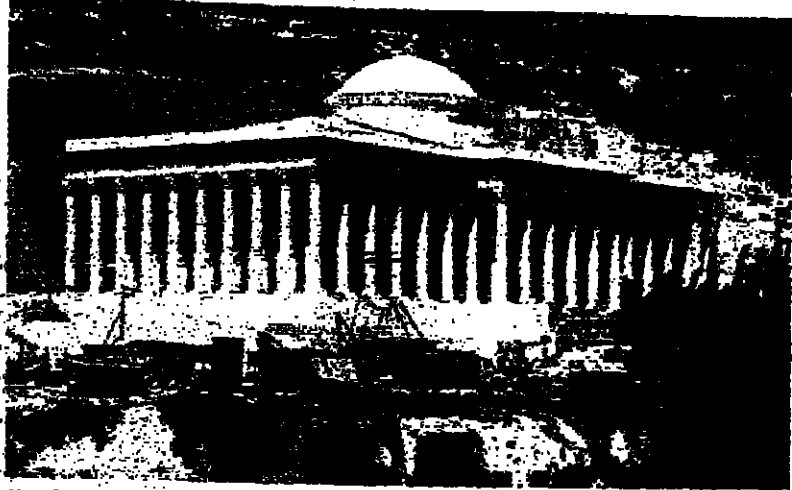
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A view of the Baha'i Universal House of Justice (left); detail of the roof.

Monumental edifice

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER/Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE BAHAI Universal House of Justice, the supreme administrative body of the faith, has started to move into its magnificent new seat, a monumental edifice facing the sea from the slopes of Mount Carmel.

The 27-metre high building, which cost over \$20m., is covered in white marble; surrounded by a colonnade of 58 hand-carved, 11-metre-high columns; and took just over five years to complete.

Designed by a Baha'i architect in the Greek classical style, it has a gabled roof covered in green tiles and is topped by a large marble dome.

The fluted columns have Corinthian capitals, intricately carved in the village of Chios in Italy, the only place in the world where such work is still done. The white Pentelikon marble for the building was quarried in Greece, from the same quarry used for the Parthenon.

The five-and-a-half storey building has 11,000 square metres of floor space and will have about 150 people working in it, all volunteers, who come from 33 countries. Only those who were "called" to work at the Baha'i World Centre in Haifa are brought in, and they consider it a privilege to come.

The building was financed entirely from voluntary contributions by Baha'is all over the world. The Baha'is do not accept donations or grants from outside their own faith. The Universal House of Justice is made up of nine members, who are elected every five years by the representatives of the religion's 133 national spiritual assemblies all over the world. The next election is due to take place here in April, and up

to 700 representatives from 120 assemblies are expected to attend.

THE NEW BUILDING is part of an arc-shaped complex of Baha'i edifices and is the third in the complex, which already includes the golden-domed Baha'i Shrine over the tomb of the Bab, the herald of the religion, and the green-roofed Baha'i Museum, which contains relics and artifacts of the founders of the faith.

Only the shrine and the gardens surrounding it are open to the public, but a scenic walk which is being constructed along the front of the new building will also be open to the public. A fourth building, to house the Baha'i reference library, is being planned. It will contain Baha'i publications in 700 languages and all references to the religion in other writings.

The new building has a climatically-controlled room, where the original "scriptures" of the religion, hand-written by its founders, will be stored. The Baha'is believe that their religion, which has several million followers, is the only one to possess the handwritten texts that are the foundations of the faith.

The interior furnishings of the new building are impressive. Its marble floors will be partially covered by Persian carpets given by members of the faith. An underground electricity power plant includes parking and storage areas. Above it are ready-made lawns. The cliff face at the back of the building has been converted into hanging

gardens, expected to bloom in a blaze of colour in summer. The mountain slope above them, all the way to Rehov Yefeh Nof, will be turned into landscaped gardens by the Baha'is, with pathways for the public, where passers-by will be able to enjoy the vista and take time off for reflections. Plans for the gardens have been submitted to city hall for approval, says Donald Barrett of the Baha'i World Centre.

THE BAHAI religion dates from the last century. In 1844, a young Persian from Shiraz, Syyyid Ali-Muhammad, declared that he was embarking on a mission, bearing a divine message accounting the imminent advent of a new prophet, who would be greater than himself and would illuminate mankind and bring it moral and social regeneration. He became known as the Bab (Gate), and enraged the Shi'ite Moslem authorities with his liberal teachings.

After suffering years of persecution, Syyyid Ali-Muhammad was publicly executed by a firing squad in Tabriz in 1850, at the age of 31. His followers, the "Babis," recovered his body and kept it hidden for 60 years until it was finally entombed in its present resting place in Haifa in 1909.

One of the Bab's followers, a Persian nobleman, Mirza Husayn Ali, who was imprisoned with other "Babis," experienced a divine revelation in prison and in 1863 declared himself to be the prophet

whose coming the Bab had heralded. He became known as Baha'u'llah (The Glory of God) and considered it his mission "to inaugurate an era of righteousness and peace" that will initiate "a new cycle in the religious history of the world."

He, too, was persecuted and spent most of his adult life in prison and exile. He died in 1892 in the mansion of Bahji, about three kilometres north of Acre, which is now considered the holiest shrine of the Baha'is. Persecution of the Baha'is continues in Khomeini's Iran — with renewed fury — and members of the community have been charged with everything from spying to being in league with "the Zionists."

Baha'is are forbidden by the laws of their faith from becoming involved in partisan politics or holding any political posts. A basic principle of their religion is that the gift of faith springs from the free choice of the individual and can not be automatically and blindly inherited from one's parents. A person can thus be a Baha'i only when he or she freely declares himself or herself to be a Baha'i.

The Baha'i Faith teaches that God the Almighty Father educates humanity through a series of prophets, who have appeared throughout history and will appear to guide the destinies of men. The Baha'is hold that Moses, Zoroaster, Buddha, Christ, Muhammad, the Bab and Baha'u'llah are Divine Educators, who give the world the same fundamental teachings, but reveal laws and principles suited to the needs of the ages in which they appear.

Washington privately confirmed that the message from the White House, as conveyed through the pages of the weekly newsmagazine and other indirect channels, was received loud and clear in Jerusalem.

If that were not enough, the State Department has intensified its policy of going public as often as possible in criticism of various Israeli statements and actions, especially in connection with further settlement activity on the West Bank. These statements, U.S. officials said, were designed to send a message both to Israel and the "moderate" Arab states.

And on Wednesday, the State Department dropped a mini-bombshell when spokesman Alan Romberg disclosed that the U.S. might even agree to rewrite the original Camp David Framework Agreement by reducing the proposed five-year transition period for Palestinian autonomy on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Camp David specifically spoke of a five-year period.

But U.S. officials said this newest U.S. formulation, read to reporters at the daily news briefing, was designed to signal to Hussein that the U.S. was now more flexible on finding an interpretation of Camp David which might be more acceptable to him. Without elaborating, the officials said they also were considering some other "presents" for Hussein in the coming days and weeks, to help him make up his mind. Israeli officials here in Washington were bracing for more trouble.

BUT EVEN as the administration was planning some more unpleasant surprises for Israel, there were clear signs of disarray at both the White House and the State Department. Some of the president's close political aides, for example, were becoming increasingly frustrated by the failure to achieve progress more quickly on Lebanon and on the broader Arab-Israeli peace process.

They had been led to believe that Reagan's initiative was going to produce quick, positive results. Because it has not, they have now begun to snipe at State Department officials — specifically at special envoy Morris Draper and Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs Nicholas Veliotis. Obviously, it is easier to blame them than the president himself for the current impasse.

Special U.S. Middle East Ambassador Philip Habib was furious at those White House officials just before his latest return to the region the other day. He read them the riot act, according to State Department officials, telling them he had the highest regard for Draper and Veliotis.

But a sure sign that an administration's Middle East policy is in deep trouble becomes evident when its leading cast of characters embarks in such guerrilla activity against each other as part of an effort to save their own skin. This seems to be the case right now.

Waiting for a royal rescue

By WOLF BLITZER/Post Washington Correspondent



George Shultz (left); King Hussein

Reagan Administration's originally proposed levels.

In explaining that really remarkable development, *Time* magazine said: "Many members of Congress remain susceptible to pressure from Israel, regardless of the cost to U.S. interests and prestige."

That, of course, may be partially true. But the fact remains that Israel continues to enjoy a strong reservoir of support in Congress and elsewhere in the U.S. precisely because a solid U.S.-Israeli alignment is perceived as enhancing U.S. interests and prestige, despite occasional differences between Washington and Jerusalem.

THAT THE Jewish community can still unite itself behind the Israeli Government was vividly underlined to Secretary of State George Shultz and his senior staff when 14 national Jewish leaders visited the State Department on Tuesday to review the current situation in the Middle East.

According to several participants in that two-hour session, the Jews were solidly behind Israeli position during the meeting.

Thus, even the four Republican Jewish activists invited — Max Fisher, of Detroit, Albert Spiegel of Los Angeles, Gordon Zacks of Columbus and George Klein of New York — refused to defend the Republican administration. Instead, they complained about various aspects of U.S. policy towards Israel.

And among the other Jews present when the House and the Senate moved to increase economic and military assistance to Israel over the

traditionally have been closely identified with the opposition Labour Alignment in Israel — such as the New York-based Jewish Labour Committee — defended Israel at the Shultz meeting.

"There was absolutely no give and take during the meeting," said one participant. "There was no real exploration of views, no real analysis of the situation."

What happened was that Shultz opened the meeting with a lengthy assessment of U.S.-Israeli relations and the overall peace process in the region, and then spent the rest of the time mostly listening to the comments of the Jewish leaders without really responding.

Administration officials as well as Jewish leaders agreed that the session was "disastrous." Shultz, in fact, ended the meeting by telling the Jews that he planned to avoid any similar meetings in the future. Another formal, he said, would have to be found.

"All in all," a U.S. official said, "it was not very pleasant. The secretary was deeply upset by the meeting."

Even before the meeting, the State Department had clearly stepped up its double-barrelled campaign to distance itself from Israel and, at the same time, to further entice Hussein to join the peace process.

Thus, there was the carefully planted leak to *Time* magazine that Begin might not be welcomed to the White House next month — as tentatively scheduled — if there is "no agenda and no progress" with Lebanon by then.

Despite official Israeli disclaimers, reliable Israeli sources in

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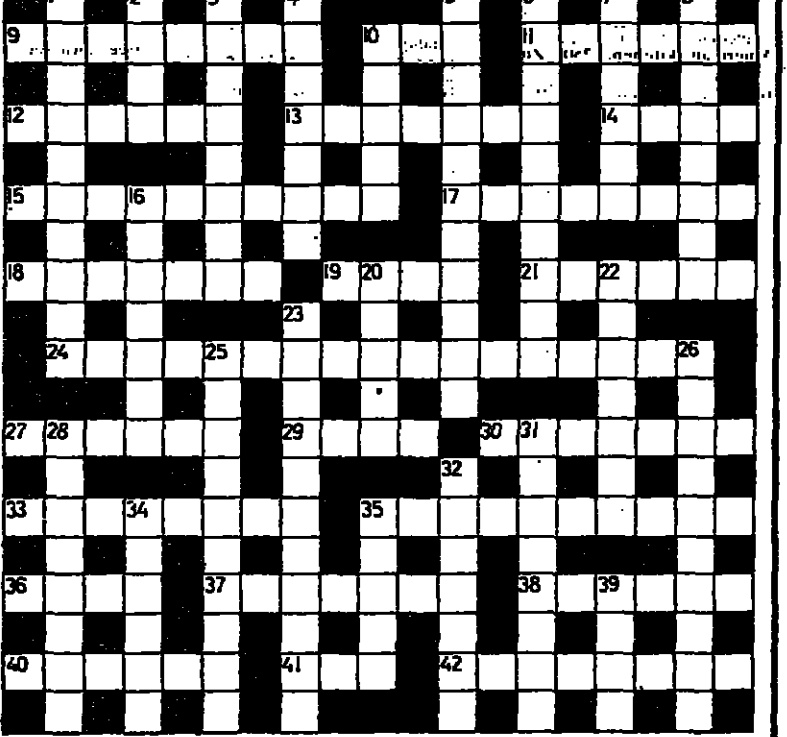
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TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.

- CRYPTIC PUZZLE**
ACROSS
9 Dive to get fish — it's something to eat (8)
10 I heard an organ (3)
11 The name is not recorded in gold (6)
12 What stopped one running to join up? (6)
13 Disturbances about how dear it's become? (7)
14 A lot, by the sound of it, on which to build (4)
15 A communication from the other side? (4-6)
17 On the barrel is a name: foreign (8)
18 Call "Quiet!" before the lecture begins (7)
19 Pass a member of the staff (4)
21 The hose will play only on the poles (6)
24 How about: "Which form might your statement take?" (4, 5, 3, 3, 2, 2, 7. A drink in the shade (6)
29 Above and behind you (4)
30 The French you say framed the act (7)
33 A metal catch? (4-4)
35 Look applaudingly at? (4, 4, 2)
36 Tries — and it works (4)
37 Observe whom tossing a coin outside (7)
38 Tears are shed about one piece of writing (6)
40 Involve the Army in a row, having returned (6)
41 The vessel, takes half an hour to reach the point (3)
42 To clear the tents out could be construed as harsh (8)
- DOWN**
1 Be entertainment manager? (3, 3, 4)
2 Fills up to the mark (4)
3 What outer's eating in the garden? (4)
4 Getting it stuck in an entrance does perturb one (7)
5 Tired and no longer able to keep up? (5, 2, 4)
6 BBC, for instance (10)
7 Notice we're not there, with the wife (6)
8 Moderate the military music (8)
10 Eggs to put the car into reverse, which is wrong (5)
16 A scuttling spider trapped will give up (7)
20 Did I having left the beer outside go off? (5)
22 A little song for the new baby? (7)
23 Unable to be funny when in a bad mood? (3, 2, 6)
25 Close enough to visit? (6, 4)
26 The utterance of liquid phrases? (10)
28 Getting money for standing in is hard to understand (8)
31 Tear out, convinced it's worth a lot of money (8)
32 Fleets of foot. Tessa runs in (7)
34 Daunt the boy who stands up the girl (6)
35 Entirely about an English family (5)
39 Awaiting my attention? Bothers! (2-2)



- EASY PUZZLE**
ACROSS
9 International police organisation (8)
10 Take to court (3)
11 Promise (6)
12 Thread (6)
13 Adept (7)
14 Places (4)
15 Introducing (10)
17 Proposes (8)
18 Not in favour (7)
19 Portent (4)
21 Garden bird (6)
24 Leading English actress (4, 5, 8)
- DOWN**
1 Inspired with hope (10)
2 Vim (4)
3 Apertures (8)
4 Synthetic substance (7)

- 27 Closes (6)
29 Paddles (4)
30 Error (7)
33 Pasta (8)
35 Talking rapidly (10)
36 Fail to hit (4)
37 Enliven (7)
38 Disprove (6)
40 Craft (6)
41 Large vessel (3)
42 Do business (8)
- DOWN**
1 Inspired with hope (10)
2 Vim (4)
3 Apertures (8)
4 Synthetic substance (7)

Yesterday's Easy Solution

ACROSS—4, Tables, 7, Receiver, 8, Appeal, 10, Donor, 13, Ails, 14, Eats, 15, Alto, 16, Ess, 17, Call, 19, Fire, 21, Baljerna, 23, Dart, 24, Gate, 26, Bed, 27, Even, 29, Plan, 32, Grid, 33, State, 34, Morass, 35, Operated, 36, Lesser.
DOWN—1, Grade, 2, Scent, 3, Liar, 4, Trail, 5, Baps, 6,

Elapse, 9, Profit, 11, Oak, 12, Oscar, 13, Alleged, 15, Ali, 16, Era, 18, Alters, 20, Inept, 21, Bud, 22, Ran, 23, Devote, 25, Cat, 28, Visor, 30, Lasts, 31, Needs, 32, Gaps, 33, Sark.
Yesterday's Cryptic Solution
ACROSS—4, Assume, 7, Terriers, 8, Toledo, 10, Cheap, 13, Find (fined), 14, Kept, 15, Mann, 16, A-L-L, 17, Sea-2, 19, Oars, 21,

GIVE SOLDIERS LIFTS

ISRAEL'S INVASION of Lebanon got a very bad press in Europe, Britain and Ireland. This was probably due in part to the character of the war itself, and to the way the Israeli Government handled it.

But although these factors explain why Israel might have deserved to be criticized in the press, they do not explain why it was criticized as heavily as it was. Without going into the question of whether Israel was right or wrong in any given instance, I would like to consider what makes Israel's war special, whether right or wrong.

There are, I think, two sets of reasons why Israel's war is special: a mundane set and a spiritual set.

In a mundane sense, Israel's war is special because they are all fought in the Middle East. People know that what happens in the Middle East is much more likely to affect their pockets, their security and their future than, say, the war in Chad — especially since the Yom Kippur War, which the public perceives as having caused the oil crises which had such devastating effects on the economy and living standards of large parts of the world.

This relationship helped to determine European reactions to Israel's intervention in Lebanon. The basic reaction of many people was that Israel was once again rocking the unstable boat we are all in. Reporters themselves are not immune to such reactions. They, too, have cars and mortgages and expectations which were put at risk to some degree by what seemed a very drastic act on the part of Israel. The public was scared by what the war might do to them, and the media responded to that fear.

Moreover, this reaction took place within a general climate of opinion which is mildly but chronically unfavourable to Israel. After the 1973 oil embargo, that bloodless and profitable economic offensive, the Western European countries tacitly agreed to view the Arab case sympathetically, and consequently the Israeli case unsympathetically, without getting in the way of the United States. These have been the parameters of European policy towards the Middle East for the last nine years.

Here I speak from experience. From 1973 until 1977, I was a member of the government of the Republic of Ireland, which had to bear the consequences of the oil crisis.

In 1974 or 1975, I read in the

paper that Ireland had just voted to give the PLO a hearing in the General Assembly of the United Nations. At the next cabinet meeting I asked why the government had not been told that the foreign minister was going to make this move. We might, for example, have considered whether this would create a precedent for giving the IRA a hearing in the General Assembly.

The government was very strongly against the IRA, and under normal circumstances I would have expected them to react harshly. But my colleagues looked straight ahead and said nothing. I knew that they were thinking that it would not be economic good sense to make Ireland unpopular with the Arabs; that things were tough enough as they were.

This attitude has conditioned European policies towards the Middle East for some time.

ALTHOUGH THIS POINT does not concern the media directly, it has more to do with their coverage of the war in Lebanon than one might think.

Even in free and democratic societies, governmental attitudes can affect the media quite powerfully under certain conditions.

These conditions apply where (a) the matter in question is an international one, (b) the national interest is involved, (c) the government is, on the whole, felt to be a reliable interpreter and defender of the national interest, and (d) there is no major clash between government and opposition on the matter.

These conditions have applied for some time in Britain in relation to the Middle East. Indeed, within the government, the media and the public, something like a national orthodoxy has formed in favour of the moderate Arab states. The media are thus mildly but chronically predisposed against Israel.

The second set of reasons why Israel's war is special is what I call the spiritual set. I use the word spiritual in a wide sense, including ethical, moral, and psychological aspects. These factors are more subjective than those I discussed above, and their causes can perhaps only be guessed at.

Israel's wars are subjected to a much more intense ethical scrutiny



By CONOR CRUISE O'BRIEN

than the wars of other countries. Nobody cares whether Iran invaded Iraq or Iraq invaded Iran. If one were to write a long article analysing the comparative ethical responsibilities of the two, it would be spiced by any editor with an eye on public interest.

The war between Iran and Iraq is discussed exclusively in terms of its potential political and economic effects on the Gulf states, oil and the material interests of Western Europe.

In addition to these economic and political analyses, Israel's wars

evoke strong ethical and moral arguments which are lacking in discussions of most other international problems.

People sometimes claim that this is a compliment since it implies that more is expected from Israel than from other countries. No doubt, but I should like to know more about the precise nature of this flattering expectation. Some of its manifestations are distinctly odd.

Thus Dr. David Owen, the former British foreign secretary, has suggested that Israel has a special duty to behave particularly well because

the Jews have been persecuted for so long. It is one thing to use this argument in inter-Jewish discussions, but it seems to me a very odd argument coming from an outsider.

I would not care to use this argument myself because of one of its inescapable, though unstated, logical corollaries. If Israel has a duty to behave particularly well because the Jews have been persecuted for so long, it seems to follow that the descendants of those who have not been persecuted do not have a special duty to behave particularly well.

Were we to follow this logic to its conclusion, we would have to find that the descendants of the persecutors could be excused for

behaviour which would be hard to excuse in other people and which would be quite inexcusable in the descendants of the persecuted. It is a strange pattern, but there it is.

CURIOUSLY ENOUGH, this theory seems to apply only to Jews. As it happens, I myself belong to a people — the Catholics of Ireland — which underwent a sustained persecution.

That persecution was not nearly as prolonged or as terrible as that undergone by the Jews, but it was terrible enough. It lasted for several centuries and destroyed a great number of people.

But I have never heard anyone suggest that the Irish are expected to behave particularly well because of that historical experience.

More fundamentally, though, I think you cannot altogether disconnect European attitudes towards Israel from the relations of Christendom to the Jews over many centuries.

It would be a mistake to think that modern society in Britain and Western Europe has nothing to do with the sad prejudices of the past.

Under the secular skin, a lot of the old religious attitudes are still there, as attitudes if not as ideas consciously held. Notions of the kind propounded by David Owen still come flitting like bats out of the belfry of the post-Christian subconscious.

For Christians, traditionally, the Jews are a people of unique spiritual and ethical authority who were then found unworthy to possess that authority. That has been Christian teaching over many centuries and is embodied in a great deal of Christian iconography. I am not just thinking of the nasty iconography, I am thinking of very solemn and splendid statements in glass and stone.

A good deal of that Christian teaching over the centuries has held that the Jews were people who were great, but who suddenly turned out to be doing something very wrong. A good deal of recent commentary on Israel seems to me to follow the same essential pattern or grid, in a modern, secular and rational guise. We thought better of you, but you let us down.

This is not just anti-Semitism, though anti-Semitism does come into it.

A GREAT DEAL of the criticism is an ordinary human reaction to violent images on the television

screen. There is also, however, a connection between the attitude to Israel and the long history of Jewry and Christendom in Europe, and of Christian teaching about the Jews. Many of these historical attitudes have been carried over into the enlightenment era and the period of the Emancipation.

I feel that the European attitude towards Israel is much more one of wonder and puzzlement than of plain hostility.

Jews have always been mysterious to Christians. In modern times, the existence of the State of Israel somehow confirms, concentrates, and magnifies this mystery, since very few people outside the Jewish communities of the world understand why Israel is there. No other nation has ever emerged into sovereignty by gathering its exiles in a territory which they had occupied nearly two millennia before.

This self-determination, with a 2,000 year time fuse, is inherently begging to the mind, as Al Haig used to say.

THE CONSTITUTION of the State of Israel, the Zionist achievement looks suspiciously like a miracle, a phenomenon which post-Christian consciousness finds difficult to accept. As an English friend once said to me about a waistcoat I was wearing — it is unusual and therefore wrong.

It is the whole existence of Israel which its critics find intellectually and morally exasperating.

Except for a few fanatics and lunatics, these critics don't want to do away with it, but they do want very much to admonish it, to correct it, to tidy it up and trim it, to turn it into less of a paradox.

The Zionist case is astonishing, portentous and for most people altogether too much. The Palestinian case, by contrast, is very easy to understand. People who understand the Palestinian case and don't understand what Israel is, (in other words, most gentiles who concern themselves with the matter at all) are bound to feel, sometimes rather vaguely, that Israel is permanently at fault.

I have stated some reasons and guessed at some perhaps deeper ones why Israel's war is special. But the fundamental reason is that Israel itself, in every sense of that greatly charged word, is special, always has been so, and always will be so.

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New laws for old

By ISRAEL AMRANI / Jerusalem Post Reporter

tom air about it, said Nissim. The part dealing with damages, for example, has been amended intensively for the past 15 years because it does not cover all possible situations of modern day business and risks. A new draft is being prepared by Supreme Court Justice Aharon Barak and HU professor Yitzhak Englund.

In addition, retired law professor Hans Klinghoffer is drafting a new administrative law, which, in its current form, is carried over almost entirely from Ottoman times.

Nissim expressed his dismay at the long delays in most courts in the country, revealing that the average delay for a civil case in the Tel Aviv District Court is up to five years now. To speed up litigation, Nissim approved the appointment of six more district court judges, which would, with recently-approved

regulations, reduce the backlog to down to three years.

In one case, where there was "excessive pressures" for the appointment of a certain person to serve as judge, his candidacy was disqualified. Nissim said, adding that he "rejected totally" political pressures which sometimes come up. Now, he revealed, every candidate should answer a questionnaire, and apply some time in advance, so that his record can be thoroughly checked to ascertain his judicial merits. The questionnaire is also good insurance in case a judge has something to hide that could lead to his impeachment. Presidents of courts, Nissim said, will be appointed on proven administrative skill in addition to their judicial merits. In the past, seniority was the major factor.

The ministry is acting to facilitate

the service to the "little man," who is afraid of costly and lengthy litigation in the courts. One such service is the small claims court of which there are only three in the country. Nissim acted to establish such a court in every town in which there is a magistrates court. He also signed orders banning advocates in the small claims court to speed up litigation and to make it affordable, and attractive. Such courts rule in claims of up to IS25,000.

Traffic offenders in certain common violations may soon be judged within 48 hours, Nissim said, with the appointments of seven retired magistrates to special, afternoon traffic courts.

Regarding the constitution, Nissim said that in effect the state has six basic laws with two more pending Knesset approval, and two others to be drafted within two years. He revealed that he is negotiating with religious parties in the Knesset to persuade them drop their objections to basic laws regarding human rights and legislation.

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The exquisite toys made by members of Kibbutz Geshar Haziv have often found their way to the Eddy Shorr kindergarten, as well as to the St. Vincent de Paul home for brain damaged children. Now, the handiwork of the Kibbutz Shulchot Grannies has also found a place in the hearts of many tiny tots via the Toy Fund.

We had hoped that by this week, the Toy Fund, like "Forsake Me Not," would have passed the million-shekel mark. But it was not to be. The IS15,375.47 contributed since midweek, brought the Toy Fund up to IS997,964.11.

Several of our regular contributors have not yet made their donations to the current drive, so there is every reason to hope that the Toy Fund will double itself over the next two or three months.

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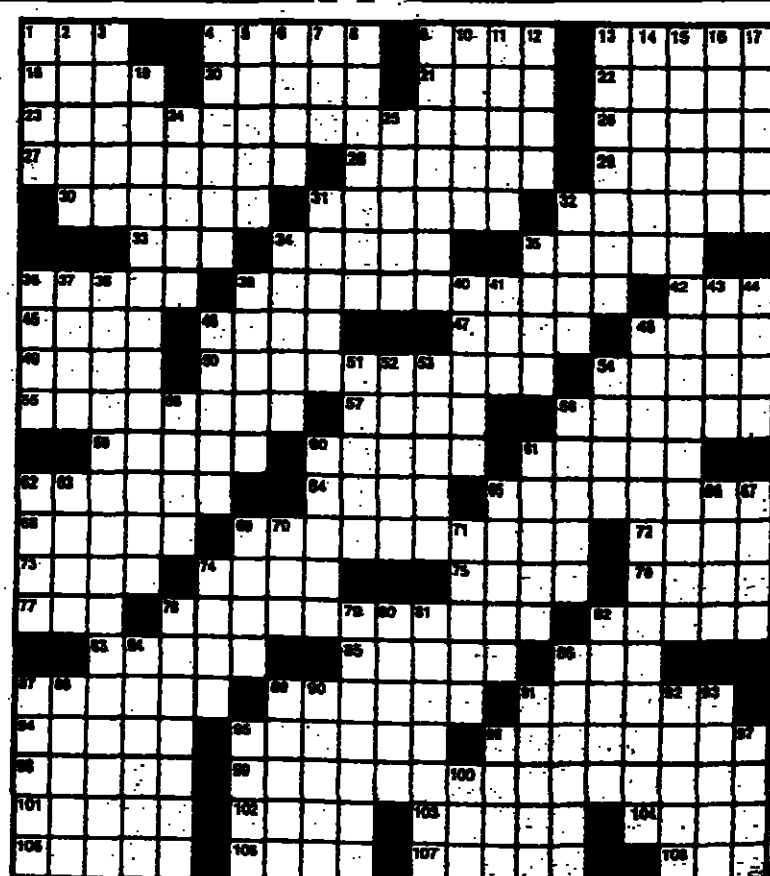
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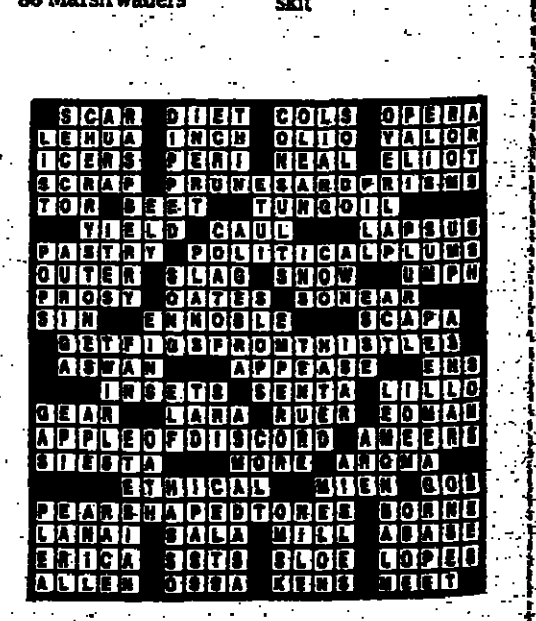
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EARLY THIS WEEK, a huge box of beautifully sewn, cuddly rag dolls was delivered to the head office of The Jerusalem Post. The senders were members of the Grannies Club of Kibbutz Shulchot. One of the members, Minnie Blume, told us that two years ago she had written a letter which was published in The Jerusalem Post, in which she appealed to factories and wholesalers to donate remnants, rejects and off-cuts to a small group of grannies living at her kibbutz. The response to her letter was overwhelming. "Parcels arrived and are still arriving from grannies all over the country who want to join in our activities, but because of distance, cannot do so. Instead, they collected materials and haberdashery and posted them to us."

The Shulchot Grannies meet once a week to sew and knit toys and dolls for children in hospitals and institutions. In honour of the non-kibbutz grannies who supplied them with raw materials, they sent a very good representative sample of their work to the Toy Fund.

The dolls arrived the day before a scheduled visit to Gan Tzippit and Eddy Shorr diagnostic kindergartens for the developmentally disabled. We were able to add these extra toys to our existing parcels.

Both kindergartens, situated in Jerusalem, provide special tuition for children whose mental and physical development was impaired before, at or shortly after birth. In most cases, these children require intensive individual attention together with limitless patience and lots of love. Some were rejected by their parents after their problems were diagnosed and are now in

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General Share Index down by 1.08

TEL AVIV — The General Shares Index, the measure of the overall performance of shares traded on the stock exchange, yesterday fell by 1.08. There were all kinds of rumours since the early morning hours, which resulted in an atmosphere of uncertainty. Stock exchanges abhor uncertainty, and it was little surprise to anyone that once trading started prices fell sharply and nearly across the board, except for the banking sector. Many individuals opted to sell and move to the sidelines.

Among the rumours making the rounds was the possibility that the Treasury would impose an additional two per cent levy, this time on share purchases, to help to defray the costs of the Peace for Galilee operation.

It is expected that tonight Israel Television on its Mabot show will present a major feature on the stock exchange, which will include criticism by Knesset Members. Another concern was with the uncertainty concerning the outcome of the exchange board of directors meeting which was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. yesterday. (Story on news pages.)

As it was, many investors and speculators found that they could not get their sales orders executed. No fewer than 33 securities were established as "sellers only" while only seven were "buyers only." Moreover, 91 securities had losses in excess of 5% or in many instances of 10%. Hardest hit of all securities were the recently issued Yehalom Hotels shares, which were clobbered for a 31.6% loss. In the course

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

of the stormy session 28 issues recorded gains of more than 5%.

Trading turnovers were very large and created a high for the year so far at IS2.4 billion.

The index-linked bond market generally eased by moderate margins in sleepy trading of just over IS115m.

The shekel was devalued by 14 agorot in relation to the dollar.

The shares of Union Bank were a pleasant surprise as they shot ahead by more than 9% in an otherwise moderately gaining commercial bank group. Maritime Bank 0.1 gained 1.4% while Israel General was rising by a similar amount.

Results were less propitious when trading came to the Danot group. The 1.0 shekel shares were "sellers only" for the second session, while the 5.0 issue was down by 13%.

The shares of the First International Bank were down by 5.5% and only massive support of IS373m prevented a fall in the shares of FIBI.

The insurance, industrial and investment company sectors were the hardest hit in yesterday's selloff. Each of the groups was down by more than 2%.

In the land development and real estate group the shares of Shinar, which had advanced by 40 and 228

per cent respectively over the past two sessions, were "sellers only" yesterday.

Among industrials a number of equities successfully bucked the trend. Yach came through with a 10% advance. Zion Cables (r) was clipped for a 21.8% loss. Nechushtan 0.5 rose by 11%.

Investment company shares were roughly lower, with the heroes of previous sessions turning into the villains. Clal Industries was down by 10%. Pama 0.1 and Piron both wound up on the "sellers only" list.

IDB fixed January 16 as its first day of trading of its 11 option.

Aharon Saharov, it was announced by Sahar Insurance, earlier this week sold IS2.2m. nominal value of the company's ordinary shares at 1755. The sale reduced his holdings to less than IS35,000 nominal value.

Matam announced that it is enlarging its share capital by IS150m. Almatz announced that the Bank Leumi mutual fund group has purchased 13% of the company's share capital.

When trading resumes on Sunday, the following securities will trade without price limitation in the aftermath of their being "sellers only" for two consecutive sessions — Yehalom options, ICP, Mishael, Molett and Danot 1.0.

Most active stocks

FIBI 3200 11,655.0 n.c.
Leumi 1785 6,479.4 +5
Shares (traded) IS2,402.3m.
Convertible: IS10.7m.
Bonds: IS115.1m.

Commercial Banks

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
IDB p. 50000	1,400	-7.4	-0.15
IDB p. 2553	2,563	+9.4	+0.37
IDB p. 3090	544	+0.6	+0.02
IDB p. 12500	2	+0.8	+0.06
IDB p. 10500	1,711	n.c.	n.c.
Union r. 6000	5	+0.1	+0.02
Union r. 3832	1,951	n.c.	n.c.
Discount r. 2668	267	+7.3	+0.28
Discount r. 2125	98	+20.0	+9.41
Discount r. 313	187	-1.3	-0.41
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Reagan's heavy foot

THREE WEEKS could surely be deemed time enough to hammer out an agreement on the agenda for the Israel-Lebanon talks, and yesterday at Kiryat Shmona an agreed agenda was finally announced.

The key to the somewhat belated accord was Israel's decision to go along, most of the way, with U.S. envoy Morris Draper's "compromise" proposals, which again required concessions from this country. Earlier Israel had backed down on demands that the negotiations be conducted on a ministerial level, and be held in Jerusalem.

Those particular concessions had been officially explained on the ground that the former procedural imperatives had lost their urgency when the Lebanese had endorsed Defence Minister Sharon's programme for a full normalization of relations, short only of formal peace, with Israel. The Lebanese, however, promptly denied that any authorized representatives of theirs had been involved in any such act of endorsement.

On the other hand, the Lebanese were prepared to address themselves to any topic Israel wanted taken up, although without commitment to the outcome.

That Lebanese position is now enshrined in the agenda agreement. The parties will deal with five separate issues, without any order of precedence, and "without commitment to the outcome of negotiations." One item refers to a "framework for mutual relations," which might be viewed as a euphemism for normalization, a still forbidden word in official Beirut.

But this item takes not top (as Israel originally demanded) but equal billing with "termination of the state of war," "security arrangements," "programme of complete withdrawals," and "possible guarantees."

Mr. Sharon, speaking in Metulla yesterday, sounded confident that the talks would end up formalizing a state of actual normalization already prevailing in the area under the IDF's control. Perhaps, indeed, Israel's concessions to date will generate a reciprocal readiness on the part of the Lebanese to come towards Israel on normalization. Time will tell.

In the meantime, Israel's display of diplomatic flexibility and reasonableness should help take some of the sting out of the bitter row that seemed to be developing between Washington and Jerusalem. Press reports this week have described President Reagan as incensed over what he viewed as deliberate footdragging by Israel on an arrangement that would, above all, make possible an early start on troop withdrawal from Lebanon.

In retaliation, Mr. Reagan was said to be considering putting off Premier Begin's visit to Washington, tentatively scheduled for next month.

This drew, no doubt on Mr. Begin's own instructions, a noisy blast by the premier's spokesman. The reports, it was said, were "infantile, ridiculous and tendentious." The criticism was directed at the newsmen, but some of the wrath appeared to be aimed at the apparent source of the news. A battle royal between Jerusalem and Washington was looming if Mr. Reagan made good his warning. But with the agenda agreement in, the U.S. president — who for some reason is testy only about Israel and never about the Lebanese, the Syrians and the other Arab states who have helped block progress in Halde and Kiryat Shmona — should be mollified.

Yet despite yesterday's advance it is possible that the Lebanese talks could drag on for months without producing any deal on troop withdrawal. Such a deal is urgent in Mr. Reagan's eyes, because it would provide the proof he thinks necessary to convince the Arabs, notably King Hussein, that the U.S. is able "to deliver the goods" on the West Bank as well.

Progress on troop withdrawal from Lebanon does not, however, depend on Israel alone. There are elements in Lebanon who would like Israeli forces to remain and help police the country and the Syrians have an interest in staying put in their neighbour's territory, after a partial first-stage withdrawal. It is Israel that feels the greatest urgency to get out of Lebanon — despite contrary suspicions in Washington. But on terms that will not make the war seem to have been in vain.

If Mr. Reagan is in earnest, therefore, about his plan, he should sever the artificial linkage he has established between agreement in Lebanon and a solution of the Palestinian problem. They are separate issues and Israel's vital interests in both should not be held to ransom by this linkage.

POSTSCRIPTS

PS TWO of African explorer Dr. David Livingstone's diaries, stolen from the home of his great-grandson, were recently discovered in a garbage can.

"We're greatly relieved," Ada Wilson, wife of Dr. David Livingstone Wilson, 36-year-old descendant of the 19th-century explorer, said from her home in this northeast England seaside town of Whitley Bay.

Mrs. Wilson said police in nearby Wallsend had recovered the two diaries, which were taken in a burglary, after receiving an anonymous tip.

They were discovered by the Rev. Irwin Robson, vicar of St. Mary's Church, Wallsend, who told a reporter:

"There was a telephone call last night from someone who claimed he had found the documents in his

back yard and he said he had left them outside the vicarage. "I was quite thrilled when I discovered what was in the parcel, as I had seen an appeal on television for their return."

Mrs. Wilson told the Associated Press: "We think the main documents are back."

But still missing are original notebooks and two gold watches taken by the thieves, who broke in while the Wilsons were out for the evening, she said.

PS In Stafford, England, Julian Caruso recently wrote a cheque on a belly dancer's stomach to pay a £10 parking fine.

Magistrates who imposed the fine refused to accept it. William Watson, chief clerk of the court, noted: "Any person paying by cheque means the cheque becomes my property until it is cashed."

With a sidelong glance at the undulating cheque written in ink on the stomach of local belly dancer Sandra Audley, 36, Watson added: "There's no means of collecting this money."

Caruso, whose grandfather was a cousin of the legendary operatic tenor, Enrico Caruso, said later: "It was worth a try."

"I've made my point. I was protesting about the lack of parking facilities in the town. I'll now pay the fine by a more conventional method."

The Damascus factor

By DAVID BERNSTEIN

U.S. SECRETARY of State George Shultz's expressed concern at a meeting of American Jewish leaders this week that Israel and Syria might have reached a "tacit understanding" to stay put in Lebanon has raised a timely questionmark over the relevance of the "peace talks" taking place in Halde and Kiryat Shmona.

Those talks have been taking place in a peculiar political vacuum, giving every appearance of ignoring a central fact: any deal struck between the Israeli and Lebanese negotiators would have to receive the tacit approval of Syria before it could be implemented.

Thus, Israel's dogged insistence on a far-reaching "normalization" of relations with Lebanon has been presented as a realistic goal. But no one in Jerusalem has apparently bothered to address himself openly to the question of how such an arrangement could be squared with the withdrawal of 30,000 Syrian troops from Lebanon when Damascus has made it plain that it will not tolerate any agreement that would take Lebanon out of the general Arab orbit into a special relationship with Israel.

THE OMINOUS reports in the Israeli press earlier this month about the growing Syrian military threat did little to reassure anyone who would like to believe that Israel is not contemplating another confrontation with Syria in a bid to remove its "veto" over an Israeli-Lebanese normalization accord.

Forcibly evicting the Syrians from northern and eastern Lebanon would, of course, enable Israel to strike any deal it chose. Its Christian allies would have little trouble imposing their will over Lebanon's anti-Israel Moslem majority were they rendered impotent by the expulsion of their Syrian backers.

The cost of such a course would have to be carefully weighed against its political benefits, however important these might be to the Israeli Government. This country has already paid a huge — and still mounting — price in lives, and the government is understandably perhaps anxious to justify this to the electorate.

Further casualties would be incurred in expelling the Syrians from Tripoli and the Bekaa, and it should not be forgotten that the bulk of Israeli casualties in the Lebanon war have been in clashes with the Syrians rather than with the PLO. There is also the inestimable cost in Israeli lives the Government would have to mortgage to keep an Israeli-backed Christian-controlled Lebanon viable.

No one should be in doubt that

such a Lebanon would be, for all intents and purposes, an Israeli protectorate, with Israel having to underwrite, indefinitely that country's security against any threat from Syria. Any thought that the Lebanese Christians themselves would be able to protect their country against their far more powerful Arab neighbour to the east and north is just not realistic.

Thus, it will have come as something of a relief that Defence Minister Ariel Sharon and Chief-of-Staff Raphael Eitan have gone out of their way to play down the significance of the Syrian arms buildup in an apparent attempt to dispel any suspicion of sabre-rattling on Israel's part. For normalization, or even peace with Lebanon, would quite simply not be worth the cost of having indefinitely to neutralize Syria's interests in that country.

IF, AS ONE sincerely hopes, Israel has no intention of removing Syria's veto by force, the logical assumption is that Jerusalem is prepared — as Shultz suggested — to strike some form of tacit deal with Damascus.

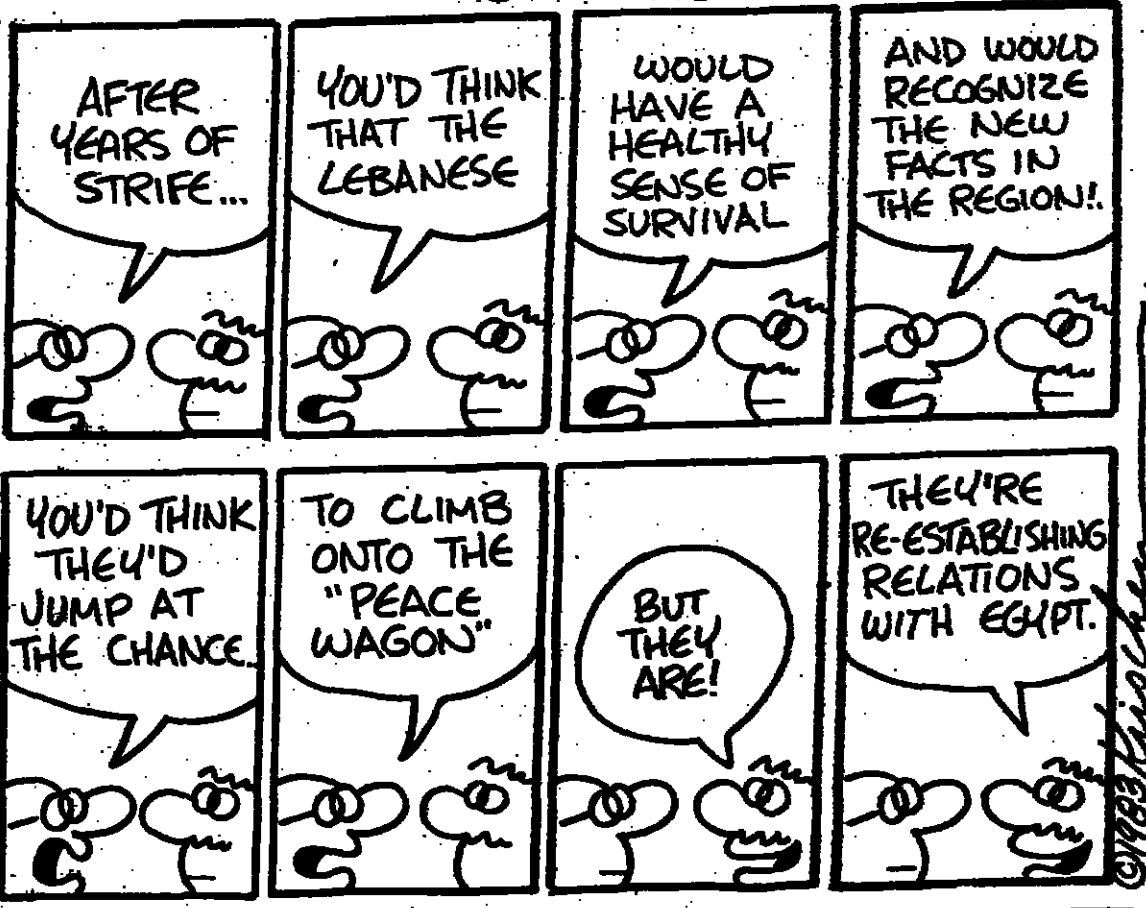
There are, in theory, three main forms such a "deal" could take: • Israel and Syria could agree to a the need to normalize Israel's relations with Lebanon, but instead of seeking to remove Syria's veto by force, could seek to meet its political conditions for such an arrangement (this would presumably mean Israeli readiness to meet the conditions for peace laid down at last September's Arab summit in Fez, which would include an unconditional withdrawal not only from Lebanon, but also from the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights); • Israel and Syria could agree to a mutual withdrawal of their forces from the Shouf Mountains and the vicinities which the Syrians hold to the areas each insists to be strategically vital in the south and east, respectively;

• Israel and Syria could agree to a simultaneous withdrawal from the whole of Lebanon, in return for symmetrical security arrangements in their respective spheres of strategic interest.

The first of these three options need not detain us, as there is little probability that the present or any Israeli Government in the foreseeable future would willingly accept the terms laid down in Fez last September.

That would leave as the two most realistic options now open to Israel the prospect of a disengagement agreement with Syria, leaving the two sides more or less permanently in South Lebanon and the eastern

The Friday Dry Bones



Bekaa, or a total withdrawal with symmetrical security arrangements in each of these two strategically important areas.

WASHINGTON, according to Shultz, is apparently fearful that Israel and Syria are edging toward the first of these two options — a prolonged and tacitly agreed stay in South Lebanon and the Bekaa, amounting to a *de facto* territorial partition of Lebanon.

It is not altogether inconceivable that the Lebanese Christians would go along with this arrangement, for it would leave them in effective control of the relatively homogeneous Maronite-Druse mountainous heartland of Lebanon, all that they could realistically hope to control, anyway, without massive outside support.

There have been voices in Israel as well advocating this as the optimal solution for Israel, and its only guarantee that South Lebanon will never again become a staging ground for hostile attack.

There is, indeed, some merit to this argument. But there are also some very serious drawbacks, chief of these being the demography of South Lebanon, which is predominantly Shia Moslem with significant Christian and Sunni minorities.

In the past, Israel has closely allied itself with the Christians of the region, building up and supporting the militias of Major Sa'ad Haddad in a limited strip along the northern border. And the indications are that Israel would be tempted to give Haddad the major role in policing the vastly expanded 45km. security zone such a disengagement agreement would leave under Israeli

control.

The problem with this is that Haddad and his men are viewed with deep suspicion, if not open hatred, not only by the large Palestinian refugee population living in the camps in this zone, but also by much of the Shia majority — despite Haddad's limited success in attracting some Shias to his overwhelmingly Christian militias.

Thus, it can be only a matter of time before dormant sectarian friction in the south erupts into open violence: South Lebanon is, after all, in many respects simply a microcosm of the volatile sectarian mosaic that is Lebanon, and the past six months should have gone some way to convincing Jerusalem that it is not a country one would choose to become bogged down in indefinitely.

THAT LEAVES the third option — a total withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon, in return for adequate security arrangements safeguarding Israel's strategic interests in the south and Syria's strategic interests in the east.

It was apparent from the moment the present Israeli-Lebanese talks started that this is the solution preferred both by Lebanon and by the third participant in the talks, the U.S.

Indeed, Lebanon has shown itself extremely sensitive to Israel's legitimate security concerns in the south of the country, and has indicated a readiness to go some way toward meeting Israel's requirements in this regard, even to the point of enshrining these in some form of non-belligerency pact.

Syria has been relatively silent on the question of security arrange-

ments for Israel in South Lebanon, expressing its opposition mainly to any political deal being struck in the current talks.

In the past, however, Damascus has displayed considerable understanding for Israel's security interest in South Lebanon — an understanding matched by Israel's recognition until relatively recently of Syria's parallel interest in the Bekaa. Thus, a system of "red lines" has emerged over the years in Lebanon, reflecting this mutual awareness.

There is reason to believe, then, based on Israel's past experience with Syria, that Damascus would go along with a system of security arrangements meeting Israel's basic requirements in South Lebanon, provided that these were not too obtrusive and were matched by a similar system meeting its requirements in the Bekaa.

Israel has so far spurned this as an adequate reward for the sacrifices it has made in Lebanon, holding out instead for a far-reaching political settlement which would appear to be unrealistic unless it is prepared forcibly to remove Syria's veto and permanently undermine Lebanon's security with Israel lives.

If it is not prepared to do this — and one hopes this to be the case — then it is time to drop the farce in Halde and Kiryat Shmona and get down to the business of achieving the achievable, even if this does leave some doubt in the minds of the government and the electorate as to the cost-effectiveness of what has turned out to be a singularly ill-conceived military adventure in Lebanon.

The writer is The Jerusalem Post Middle East affairs reporter.

READERS' LETTERS

JEWISH GUILT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — The very peculiar reaction of large sections of the "enlightened" Christian world towards Israel and the Jews in general in the wake of the terrible tragedy of Sabra and Shatilla, where many hundreds of Palestinian Arabs were cruelly murdered by Arab Christians, reveals to me a new aspect of the age-old "Jewish guilt" with regard to the crucifixion of Jesus. This historical tragedy cost untold victims during hundreds of years and is, until this very day, a living and active force, generating hatred towards the Jews.

The fact that Jesus was crucified by the Romans is clearly reported in the Gospels. He was sentenced to death by the Roman Pontius Pilatus. Crucifixion was a Roman death penalty. Roman soldiers scourged him, put a crown of thorns on his head, spat upon him, smote him on his head, mocked him, nailed him on the cross and finally cast lots to share his garments among themselves.

As in Shatilla, the Jews "were around." But at most, their guilt (supposing that there was any guilt at all) was indirect: they had delivered Jesus into Roman hands, chosen that Barabbas should live rather than Jesus, castigated him for blasphemy.

However harshly one judges this Jewish "guilt," the clear and direct criminal responsibility of the Romans is indisputable. Yet, to this very day the descendants of the Romans consider the Jews guilty of the crucifixion. It would never occur to them to find any guilt in their own people.

How many "committees of inquiry" investigated our "guilt" in crucifying one of our own people! There is even the study of our former Chief Justice, Haim Cohn, who showed that the Jewish High Court of those days not only did not sentence Jesus to death, but actually tried to save his life.

The question of the Italian people's guilt never even came into the discussion. For them, and for the whole world for that matter, the

mere thought, that there is something for them to apologize for, would be looked upon as ridiculous.

Today, those very Phalangists who committed the foul deed at Shatilla and Sabra enjoy the quiet sleep of the righteous and feel free to point an accusing finger at the Israeli Jews. Likewise, not one word of protest, reprimand or even criticism was expressed by the Arab world against the direct perpetrators of the massacre of their own brothers or by western public opinion at the behaviour of Christians.

The Jewish scapegoat again absorbed all the blame: Jewish guilt for a Gentile deed.

ELYAKIM HA'ETZNI
Kiryat Arba.

PENFRIENDS
WOODROW MURRAY, JR. of 1328 Sunset Drive, Weaver, Alabama 36277, is a male model who is married and has three children. He is studying Hebrew and would like to correspond with Israelis in order to learn more about our country.

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PRICES IN DOLLARS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — I was extremely shocked, when I passed a large dress shop on our main street in Rehovot, to see that it had priced two of the items on show in U.S. dollars. When I asked in the shop why prices were quoted in a foreign currency, I was told that it was "import."

It is understandable to quote prices in dollars for items which have a world price, such as gold, silver, diamonds, etc., or for international travel, tourist hotels, or goods on sale at airport shops. But Rehovot is not a tourist town and it seems to me that this is a very dangerous trend. I don't know if this is legal, but it is degrading for our country.

DAISY ROESSLER
Rehovot.

DISGRUNTLED MUSIC LOVER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir — I have often been tempted to write to you in order to express my anger and frustration, shared by many other music lovers of Jerusalem — at the unfair treatment awarded to Jerusalem subscribers of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. The subscribers are supposed to avail themselves of the reduction slips attached to their regular subscription tickets for the purpose of purchasing "Special Concert" tickets; but alas, the opportunity does not arise, since no "Special Concerts" are being performed in Jerusalem (with the only notable exception recently, Lorin Maazel conducting Mahler's Fifth).

Last year, there was a great treat for opera lovers when the IPO staged great opera, as usual, in Tel Aviv. Granted, staging an opera is a complex and exacting task, so I am ready to reconcile myself to the fact that all the opera performances are

held in Tel Aviv. But why were no tickets available at the Jerusalem ticket agency for those wishing to attend? There have been, in the past, special arrangements for Jerusalem music lovers, including a special bus service to the Mann Auditorium. Why was it discontinued?

And now, the IPO has done it again! The most wonderful series of concerts to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Bronislaw Huberman, with the participation of the greatest violinists of our times, were all held in Tel Aviv for the enjoyment of the pampered music lovers of Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, to my sorrow, has not been considered worthy of hosting even one of these concerts! Is it possible that what Israel's enemies did not achieve, i.e. making Tel Aviv the capital of Israel, not Jerusalem, the Philharmonic did?

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